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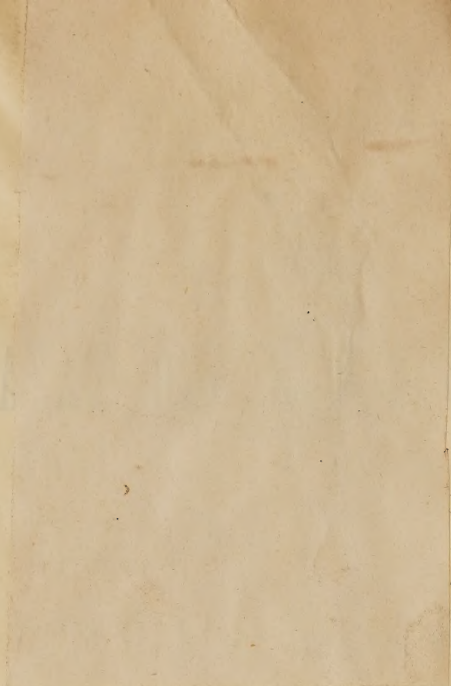
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# MEMBERS

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## BOARD OF FINANCE AND TAXATION.

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**EZEKIEL M. PRITCHARD, President.**

**ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.**

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**EZEKIEL M. PRITCHARD.**

Pres't Board of Police Commissioners.

**MORILLO H. GILLETT.**

Pres't Board of Public Works.

**JOHN H. CARNES.**

Pres't Board of Fire Commissioners.

**CHARLES H. O'NEILL,**

Mayor.

**GEORGE H. FARRIER,**

Pres't Board of Aldermen.





# MINUTES.

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Board of Finance and Taxation met at the Mayor's office, City Hall, Thursday, April 6th, 1871, at 10 o'clock A.M.

Present—His Honor, Mayor O'Neill and Commissioners Pritchard, Gillett, Carnes and McNulty.

The Board was called to order by the Mayor, and on motion of Commissioner Gillett, his Honor the Mayor was appointed temporary Chairman, and J. H. Carnes, Secretary.

On motion of Commissioner Carnes, the Board proceeded to the election by ballot of a President, with the following result:

Commissioner McNulty acting as teller.

E. M. Pritchard received three votes.

C. H. O'Neill received one vote, and

Commissioner Gillett received one vote.

Mr. Pritchard having received a majority of votes, was declared elected President of this Board, and on motion, it was made unanimous.

By Commissioner Gillett and adopted—

That this Board go into an election by ballot of City Attorney.

Jonathan Dixon, Jr., and A. K. Brown were nominated.

The ballots were cast with the following result:

Jonathan Dixon, Jr., received three votes.

A. K. Brown received one vote.

One blank was cast.

Whereupon the election of Mr. Dixon, Jr., as City Attorney, was made unanimous.

Commissioner McNulty moved that Robert Hutton be appointed temporary Clerk to this Board.

Adopted unanimously.

Robert Hutton was called in, when the President announced his election as temporary Clerk.

By Commissioner McNulty and adopted—

That when this Board adjourns, it adjourns to meet on Saturday, the 8th inst., at 8 o'clock P.M.

By Mayor O'Neill and adopted—

That the Clerk of this Board be authorized to notify the officers of the different banks in this

city, together with the Fourth National Bank and the Dime Savings Bank of New York, and such other banks or bankers as any member of this Board may suggest, that proposals will be received by the Board of Finance and Taxation at the Mayor's office until Thursday, April 13th, 1871, at noon, for all or any portion of one hundred thousand dollars of Jersey City seven per cent coupon bonds, and that the Board reserves the right to reject all or any part of the bids if deemed for the interest of the city so to do.

By Mayor O'Neill and adopted—

That the President of this Board be authorized to take charge of the Finances of the city, in accordance with the provisions of the charter.

By Commissioner Gillett and adopted—

That Leonard J. Gordon and John H. McCutcheon be requested to bring such books as are necessary from the Water Commissioner's office to the office of the Collector of Revenue, and to collect the water rates, assessments and sewerage, and to be continued in their present positions during the pleasure of this Board.

By Mayor O'Neill and adopted—

That the Clerk be authorized to get a Minute Book, for the minutes of this Board, and that the President direct where the same may be purchased.

By Mayor O'Neill and adopted—

That the Clerk be authorized to send the minutes of this Board to the three official papers of this city.

By Commissioner Carnes and adopted—

That the three official papers of this city be authorized to do the job printing of this Board subject to its pleasure.

By Mayor O'Neill and adopted—

That the regular meetings of this Board be on Thursday of each week at two o'clock P.M., until otherwise ordered.

By Commissioner McNulty and adopted—

That this Board do now adjourn.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.





Meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation at the Mayor's office, City Hall, Saturday, April 8th, 1871, at 8 o'clock P.M.

Present—President Pritchard, Mayor O'Neill, and Commissioners McNulty, Gillett and Carnes.

The minutes of the 6th of April were read, and on motion of Mayor O'Neill, were corrected as follows:

The following-named papers were designated the official newspapers for publication of all minutes, notices and ordinances as required by the Charter, viz.: The Evening Journal, Standard, and Times, and also that the Corporation Attorney be changed to the City Attorney.

By Commissioner McNulty and adopted—

That the minutes as thus corrected stand approved.

The claim of O'Brien & Kelly for \$142 00, for stationery; John McGuigan for supplies for City Hall, \$20 60, and also for sundries, \$46 78. The clerk of this Board, on motion of Mayor O'Neill, was to respectfully return them to the Board of Public Works for their approval and payment.

A communication from John Lamb, requesting payment of bonds 231 and 232.

By Mayor O'Neill and adopted—

That the clerk notify John Lamb to present his bonds No. 231 and 232 to the Comptroller for payment.

Communications of John E. Scott, City Clerk, and D. E. Culver, relative to sale of lands for assessments claimed by said Culver to have been paid before sale, were presented, and on motion of Commissioner McNulty, laid over for one week.

Petitions of Joseph Acton and Samuel Bridgart to be retained as Assessors were presented, and on motion of Commissioner Carnes, were laid over until the table for the present.

By Commissioner Gillett—

Resolved, That Robert Hutton be clerk to the Board of Finance and Taxation, in connection with his duties as clerk to the Mayor, and

On motion of Mayor O'Neill, the resolution was amended by adding the following words: and that his term of office be one year, to commence from the first of May next.

The resolution as amended was adopted.

Commissioner McNulty presented a claim of Berry & Keeney's for eight hundred and forty-nine dollars and twenty-five cents (\$849 25) for mason work on Engine House No. 14, due April 1, 1871.

On motion of President Pritchard the above claim was referred to a Committee to investigate.

By Commissioner Carnes—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to draft rules for the government of this Board.

The resolution was adopted, and Commissioners Carnes and Gillett and Mayor O'Neill were appointed that committee.

By Commissioner Gillett and adopted—

Resolved, That the President of this Board is hereby requested to report at the next meeting the amount of the present outstanding obligations of the city, on all accounts, stating the character of such obligations, the purposes for which they were issued, and the times at which they are payable; also, as far as practicable, to furnish an estimate of obligations of the city for street improvements, sewers and all such other purposes which will hereafter be incurred under existing contracts. Also to state the amount of money now in the Treasury, and the accounts to which it belongs.

By Commissioner Gillett and adopted—

Resolved, That the President appoint a committee to wait on the four banks of this city and ascertain of such if they will receive the city account on the terms specified by the charter.

The President appointed on that Committee Commissioners Gillett and McNulty.

By Commissioner McNulty and adopted—

That the President be added to that Committee.

By Commissioner Pritchard and adopted—

Resolved, That we hereby employ Leonard J. Gordon as Auditor and Accountant to the Board of Finance and Taxation, for the purpose of adjusting the accounts of the different departments of the City Government at a salary of three hundred dollars a month, the same to continue during the pleasure of the Board.

By Commissioner McNulty and adopted—

That the claim of G. A. Lillendahl, Treasurer of Greenville, for \$144 34, being interest on portion of county bond, due Greenville from town of Bergen, be referred to the Board of Public Works.

The President of the Board of Finance and Taxation reported that he has made arrangements with the Second National Bank to pay the improvement certificates issued by the Board of Water Commissioners, as the same fall due, when, on motion, the action of the President was confirmed by the Board.

By Commissioner Carnes and adopted—

That this Board do now adjourn.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk,





Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation at the Mayor's office, City Hall, Thursday, April 13th, 1871, at 2 o'clock P.M.

Present—President Pritchard, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners McNulty, Gillett and Carnes.

The minutes of the last meeting, April 8th, 1871, were read and approved.

By Commissioner Gillett and adopted—

Resolved, That the committee on the rules of order for this Board be allowed to submit their report.

The rules having been read and approved,

Commissioner Gillett moved that one hundred copies of the rules be printed, together with that portion of the City Charter relative to the Board of Finance and Taxation. The motion was adopted.

The claims of G. A. Lieftendahl, Treasurer of Greenville, and Berry & Keeney, for mason work, were, on motion of Mayor O'Neill, referred back to the Board of Public Works, but on an amendment of Commissioner Gillett, accepted by Mayor O'Neill, they were, together with the communications of John E. Scott, City Clerk, and D. E. Culver, referred to the City Attorney.

Commissioner Gillett, on the part of the special committee appointed at the last meeting to visit the four banks of the city and ascertain if they would receive the city account on the terms specified by the charter, reported his interview with the several banks of the city as favorable. The report was received and the committee continued.

Mr. Gordon, by permission of the Board, was allowed to read his report on the indebtedness of the new Jersey City, and on motion of Commissioner Gillett the report was received, and Mr. Gordon continued until the further pleasure of the Board.

The President called the attention of the Board to the finances of the city, and to the issuing of bonds.

Commissioner McNulty moved that when this

Board adjourns it adjourns to meet on Saturday, April 15, 1871, at 9 o'clock A.M.

The motion was adopted.

A report on the Loans and Balances of the city was received and read, and on motion of President Pritchard, referred to the Comptroller, and if found by him correct, to be returned to this Board.

The following reports from the Comptroller were received, read, and laid on the table, viz: Statements of contracts not completed, April 13, 1871, and sinking fund of old and new Jersey City.

A communication of John E. Scott, City Clerk, was received and read, allowing him to correct his estimate of the probable deficiency account to Alms Department and Hospital instead of \$15,000 to say \$7,000.

President Pritchard submitted a list of warrants to the Alms Department, awaiting the Mayor's signature, in the City Clerk's office, appropriation exhausted; it was received, read, and on motion of Mayor O'Neill, laid on the table.

By Commissioner Carnes and adopted—

That a Special Committee of Inquiry be appointed to solicit bids for the Jersey City bonds, and that the committee consist of President Pritchard, Mayor O'Neill, and Commissioner Gillett.

The petitions of Samuel Bridgart and Joseph Acton were taken from the table, and with the petitions of Benjamin Shackleton, Hiram D. Crane, Horace Schermerhorn, Samuel Stilsing and Timothy D. Witherell, all for appointment as Assessors, were received, read, and on motion of Commissioner Gillett, it was made a special order for Thursday next, April 20th, together with other business.

By Commissioner Carnes and adopted—

That this Board do now adjourn.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.





Adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation at the Mayor's office, City Hall, Saturday, April 15, 1871, at 9 o'clock A.M.

Present—President Pritchard, Commissioners McNulty, Gillett and Carnes.

Absent—Mayor O'Neill.

Commissioner Gillett moved that the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting be dispensed with until the next regular meeting. The motion was adopted.

A communication from Mr. Hogencamp, cashier of the Second National Bank, relating to the city account was received, read, and on motion of Commissioner McNulty laid on the table.

Commissioner Gillett reported that the Committee to wait on the Banks, had not as yet come to any understanding with the Hudson County Bank, but would report favorably from the First National Bank, and hoped to be able to report at length at next meeting, he would report

progress. The report was received and the committee continued.

The Special Committee of Inquiry to solicit bids, reported progress.

By Commissioner Gillett and adopted—

Resolved, That a Committee of two be appointed to wait on the Hudson County and Union Banks, and ascertain what they propose to do in regard to the City Account.

The President appointed on that Committee Commissioners Gillett and Carnes.

By Commissioner Carnes and adopted—

Resolved, That the President of this Board be, and he is hereby authorized to negotiate for the immediate financial necessities of the city.

By Commissioner McNulty and adopted—

That this Board do now adjourn.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.





Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation at the Mayor's office, City Hall, Thursday, April 20, 1871, at 2 o'clock, P.M.

Present—President Pritchard, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners McNulty, Gillett, and Carnes.

The Mayor moved that the reading of the minutes of the last meeting be dispensed with, and that they be adopted as printed, and also the minutes of the adjourned meeting. The motion was adopted.

#### PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS &c.

Petitions, communications, &c., were presented, received, and disposed of as follows, viz.:

Samuel Pearson to be assessor of First Aldermanic District; Alfred B. Seymour to be assessor of First Aldermanic District; Robert McAister to be assistant assessor of First Aldermanic District; Jacob M. Wooster to be assessor of Third Aldermanic District; P. H. Lavery, to be assessor of Second Aldermanic District.

On motion of Commissioner McNulty they were laid on the table.

Petition of Edward Brehm to cancel sale of his property still uncanceled, through mistake or inadvertence, of C. J. Roe and J. J. Gaffney, late City Clerk and collector of Hudson City.

On motion of Commissioner Carnes referred to the Committee on Taxes and Assessments.

Application of Wm. L. Jones desiring a clerkship in the revenue department, together with a communication from W. L. Dickinson recommending him, were on motion of Commissioner McNulty laid on the table.

Communications from George W. Cassidy, President of the Union Bank, stating that they declined to make any special arrangements in regard to the city account but would receive it on the same footing as other depositors.

On motion of Commissioner McNulty it was laid on the table.

A communication from the City Clerk in relation to lot No. 36 Bergen Avenue, block 59, assessed to Henry Pender, erroneously sold by former City of Hudson, May 4th 1869, for assessment for grading, &c., was, on motion of Mayor O'Neill referred to the committee on taxes and assessments.

Communication from the Collector of Revenue inclosing certiorari relative to suit of the Jersey City Insurance Co. to remove in said court the assessment for taxes of 1870, was received, and on motion of Commissioner McNulty referred to the City Attorney.

A communication from the City Clerk, asking the Board to adopt a resolution authorizing him to cancel sale made by the authorities of the former City of Hudson, May 4, 1869, of lot 15, and also the drawing of a warrant in favor of the said Demarest for \$19.20 with interest, &c., was on motion of Mayor O'Neill referred to Committee on Taxes.

A communication from Leonard J. Gordon, asking a Committee of Conference with the Finance Committee of the late Board of Water Commissioners to examine and audit the Revisers' accounts, release his bondsmen and take charge of the sinking fund bonds in his possession.

It was received, read, and on motion of Mayor O'Neill the request was granted.

A communication was received from J. Dixon, Jr., City Attorney, inclosing the claims of O'Brien and Kelly, referred to him from last meeting of the Board, together with the claim of G. A. Lielendahl; also a claim of Daniel R. Van Riper, Assessor of the Thirteenth Ward of Jersey City, in relation to the property of James Farrant and inclosed by the report of the Committee on Assessments of the Board of Aldermen, were all referred to the Committee on Finance.

A claim of H. A. Halsey, \$14, for delivering 700 tax notices, was referred to Committee on Claims.

Claims of Thomas McBride, \$100, and John N. Hov, \$81, for services in the office of Collector of Revenue; John H. Gorman, \$105, and Samuel Brigart, \$6.56 for delivering tax bills, were referred to Committee on Finance.

Mayor O'Neill moved that the rules be suspended in order that any of the special committee on Finance could make a verbal report.

Adopted.

Commissioner Gillett reported his interview as favourable with Mr. Sistare and other bankers, who promised to give an answer in a day or two, and further stated that all the money the city wanted could be borrowed at 7 per cent. without any trouble, and that one million two hundred thousand dollars worth of bonds could be sold immediately at 98, with accrued interest.

Mayor O'Neill said he was appalled on the committee but declined to serve, on account of too great a pressure of business, but said he had not been idle, however, and had managed to do something towards relieving the city from its financial embarrassments. As he stated on a former occasion his belief that the bonds of this city could be sold at par, and as a proof of this assertion he would beg leave to submit a bid of William B. Astor, for fifty thousand dollars worth of bonds at par, and a probability of the gentleman taking more at the same figure, stating it as his opinion that it was the first time in the history of the city that bonds had been sold direct, and without paying the usual broker's commission. He was of the opinion that these bonds could be sold for more than par, and expected to receive some large orders in a few days, and he would therefore offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the bid of William B. Astor be accepted, and that the Finance Committee be authorized to prepare a blank registered bond, for delivery some time next week, the interest on said bonds to be paid in New York, and that the Clerk be authorized to notify Mr. Astor of these facts.

The resolution was adopted.

A communication from J. S. Fox, President of the First National Bank, accepting any portion of the city account in accordance with the provisions of the charter, and offering in connection with the above, to take 500,000 dollars worth of bonds, at 98, and the accrued interest payable when the bonds are ready for delivery, &c.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill, the communication was received and laid on the table.

By consent of the Board, Leonard J. Gordon, Auditor, read a continuation of his last report on the indebtedness of the city, stating that the total indebtedness of the city was \$5,000,000 the amount of uncollected assessments \$914,711.77, of which \$75,104.48 is due to old Hudson City, \$473,452.57 to Bergen, \$147,623.68 to Jersey City, and the remainder, \$218,525.04 to the consolidated city.

On motion of Commissioner McNulty the Board proceeded to the appointment of City Treasurer, Commissioner McNulty acting as teller.

Commissioner McNulty nominated David Hallinan, Commissioner Gillett nominated John H. Drayton. Commissioner Carnes nominated Josiah Hornblower.

After five ballots had been taken without an election, on motion of Commissioner Gillett, further balloting was postponed until after the appointment of Comptroller and assessors, when it was resumed after seven ballots with the following result:

John B. Drayton received two (2) votes. Josiah Hornblower received three (3) votes.

Whereupon Josiah Hornblower having received the requisite number of votes, was declared elected City Treasurer.

On motion of Commissioner Gillett, the Board proceeded to the appointment of City Comptroller.

Commissioner McNulty nominated Samuel McBurney.

Commissioner Gillett nominated Ezra A. Carman.

Mayor O'Neill nominated Leonard J. Gordon, Commissioner McNulty acting as teller.

Samuel McBurney received one vote. Leonard J. Gordon received one vote. Ezra A. Carman received three votes.

Whereupon Ezra A. Carman was declared





elected Comptroller, and on motion of Mayor O'Neill, his election was made unanimous.

On motion of Commissioner McNulty, the Board proceeded to the appointment of Assessors.

For the First District.—Mayor O'Neill nominated Samuel Pearson. Commissioner McNulty nominated Samuel Bridgart, Commissioner McNulty acting as teller. Samuel Bridgart received one vote. Samuel Pearson received four votes, and was declared elected Assessor of the First District.

For the Second District.—Mayor O'Neill nominated P. H. Laverty. President Pritchard nominated W. M. Spaeder. W. M. Spaeder received two votes. P. H. Laverty received three votes, and was declared elected Assessor of the Second District.

For the Third District.—Names of applicants were read aloud by Commissioner Gillett, in the following order:

H. D. Crane, W. B. Shackelton, Joseph Acton, Samuel Stilsing, Horace Schermmerhorn and T. D. Witherell, and after three ballots, resulted as follows: H. D. Crane, one; T. D. Witherell, one, and Joseph Acton, three. Joseph Acton, after having received the requisite number of votes, was declared elected Assessor for the Third District.

For the Fourth District.—Commissioner McNulty nominated G. P. Robinson. Commissioner Gillett nominated A. W. Fry. A. W. Fry received two votes. G. P. Robinson having received three votes, was declared elected Assessor for the Fourth District.

For the Fifth District.—Commissioner Carnes nominated J. M. Newkirk. Commissioner Gillett nominated Theo. F. Merselles. A ballot was taken with the following result: Theo. F. Merselles received one vote, J. M. Newkirk received three votes. One blank was cast, whereupon Mr. Newkirk, having received the requisite number of votes, was declared elected Assessor for the Fifth District.

For the Sixth District.—Commissioner Gillett, in nominating Assessor and Assistant Assessor, stated it would be perfectly satisfactory to both parties to be nominated together. Therefore he would nominate A. A. Woodward for Assessor, and Nicholas Werther for Assistant Assessor, for the Sixth District; no other nominations made. A. A. Woodward received five votes; Nicholas Werther received five votes. Having received the whole number of votes cast (five), they were declared respectively elected Assessor and Assistant Assessor of the Sixth District.

On motion of Commissioner McNulty the Board proceeded to the appointment of Assistant Assessors, commencing with the

First District.—Commissioner McNulty nominated P. Mannion. Commissioner Carnes nominated A. B. Seymour. Commissioner Gillett nominated W. L. Jones. Mayor O'Neill nominated Samuel Bridgart. After three unsuccessful ballots it resulted as follows: Samuel Bridgart received two votes, W. L. Jones having received three votes was declared elected Assistant Assessor.

For the Second District.—President Pritchard nominated Wm. Spaeder. No other nomination made, whereupon Mr. Spaeder having received the whole number of votes cast (5) was declared elected Assistant Assessor for the Second District.

For the Third District.—Commissioner Gillett nominated H. D. Crane. Commissioner McNulty nominated W. B. Shackelton. President Pritchard nominated Samuel W. Stilsing. After two ballots it resulted as follows: H. D. Crane received one vote; Samuel W. Stilsing having received four votes was declared elected Assistant Assessor for the Third District.

For the Fourth District.—Commissioner Gillett nominated A. W. Fry, and Commissioner McNulty nominated Martin Hanly. A. W. Fry received two votes, and Martin Hanly receiving three votes was declared elected Assistant Assessor for the Fourth District.

For the Fifth District.—Commissioner Carnes nominated Theo. F. Merselles. No other nominations being made, and Theo. F. Merselles having received the whole number of votes cast, (5) was declared elected Assistant Assessor for the Fifth District.

By Commissioner Gillett and adopted.

Resolved, That the Hudson County and the 1st National Banks be the depositories of the city, according to the propositions submitted by those banks to this Board.

By Presidents Pritchard and adopted.

Resolved, That a Committee of one, from each Board of the City Government, together with His Honor the Mayor, and one member from the Finance Committee of the late Board of Water Commissioners be and are hereby requested to audit the accounts of the city to May 1st, 1871, and that the clerk be authorized to send a copy of this resolution to the different Boards of the city.

By Commissioner Carnes, and adopted.

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing of this Board are hereby authorized to have printed blank revenue bonds for the use of the Board, for temporary loans.

By Commissioner McNulty, and adopted.

Resolved, That all bonds and evidences of indebtedness issued under authority of any resolution of the Board of Finance and Taxation, shall be signed by the Comptroller before their delivery.

By Commissioner Carnes, and adopted.

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing are hereby authorized to have prepared registered bonds and registered coupon bonds, payable from twenty (20) to forty (40) years from date of issue, bearing seven per cent. interest per annum, to be hereafter issued as the necessities of the city may require, and under authority contained in the city charter, and that said Committee are hereby further authorized to cause the signature of the City Treasurer to be printed in each coupon.

By Commissioner Gillett, and adopted.

Resolved, that the bonds of the Collector of Revenue shall be two hundred thousand dollars, the City Treasurer one hundred thousand dollars, and the City Comptroler twenty-five thousand dollars, amended by Mayor O'Neill, that the sureties for the Collector shall consist of four (4), each fifty thousand dollars, and the City Treasurer four (4) each of twenty-five thousand dollars, and the Comptroller two (2) each of twelve thousand five hundred dollars. The resolution as amended was adopted.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill, the Board then adjourned.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.



Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, at the Mayor's office, City Hall, Thursday, April 27, 1871, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Present—President Pritchard, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners McNulty, Gillette.

Absent—Commissioner Carnes; during the reading of the minutes he came in and took his seat.

A communication from the Board of Education, in reply to a communication from this Board, requesting the appointment of a member from that Board to meet with the Committee on Finance, appointed A. A. Gaddis.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill the communication was received and filed.

A communication from the Board of Assessors, requesting the Board of Finance and Taxation to furnish them as soon as possible with the necessary books, maps, stationery, &c., required for the performance of their duty; also a room to meet in; to inform them also at what time they can meet with this Board for instructions, was on motion of Commissioner McNulty referred to its appropriate committee.

A communication of Stephen Storms, requesting an order refunding the amount of \$101.33, that he claims to have paid in excess of his assessment.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill, it was referred to Committee on Taxation and Assessment.

A communication of Christopher D. Mills, stating he has in his possession a bond of the City of Bergen, which was now due, and for which he was willing to take a new bond.

The amount of the bond not being stated, it was, on motion of Mayor O'Neill, referred to the Committee on Finance.

A communication from Wm. Hornblower, asking this Board to order the expense for improvement for grading, paving, &c., of Hoboken avenue, to be not only on the property fronting said avenue and cross streets only, but generally on all the property benefitted, according to the benefit received.

On motion of Commissioner McNulty, referred to its appropriate committee.

A similar communication from Thomas Aldridge was received and read, in regard to the improvement on Newark avenue, from the five corners easterly to the old boundary line of Jersey City.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill, it was referred to its appropriate committee.

The following proposals were received from his Honor the Mayor: A proposition on his part to take twenty thousand dollars worth of twenty year seven per cent. coupon bonds at par and interest.

On motion of Commissioner Gillette, it was received and bid accepted.

Also a bid of G. S. Boice, Treasurer of the Fifth Ward Savings Bank, for (\$60,000) sixty thousand dollars worth of bonds at par, and a bid of Thomas Earle for twenty thousand dollars worth of registered bonds at par and interest.

In connection with this bid he would offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the bid of Thomas Earle for twenty thousand dollars of registered bonds at par and interest be accepted, and that seven thousand dollars of the above amount be received in improvement and sewer certificates and the balance in cash. The resolution was adopted.

By Commissioner Gillette and adopted.

Resolved, That the bid of G. S. Boice, treasurer of the Fifth Ward Savings Bank, for sixty thousand dollars worth of the twenty year coupon bonds at par and interest be accepted, and that thirty thousand dollars of said amount be received in improvement and sewer certificates, and the balance in cash.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill these bids were accepted with the understanding that no more improvement certificates would be exchanged until further notice.

Mayor O'Neill also submitted a communication from William B. Astor signifying his readiness to receive the certificate for \$50,000 as soon as notified of its being ready.

He moved that the communication be received and filed, and that the Clerk be authorized to notify Mr. Astor that his bond will be ready in a few days, and that he can, if not convenient

for him to wait, deliver into the hands of the City Treasurer said amount, receiving a receipt for the same, and that the interest on the aforesaid bond to commence from date of said receipt, May 1, 1871. The motion was adopted.

President Pritchard, presented a communication from M. Sandford, cashier of the 1st National Bank, agreeing on part of said Bank, to purchase one million dollars worth of Jersey City 7 per cent. bonds, said bonds to be issued bearing date, May 1, 1871, interest payable May and November, and deliverable on or about the tenth day of May next and price of same to be at par and interest.

President Pritchard, in connection with this bid, would offer the following resolution on from the City Attorney:

Resolved, That the proposal of the First National Bank of Jersey City, for one million dollars of the Jersey City bonds at par and interest be accepted, and that bonds to that amount be issued to said bank, or such person as may be designated by said bank in denominations of \$1,000 each. Dated May 1, 1871, and payable in twenty years from date at the City Treasurer's office in Jersey City, with interest at seven per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually in New York City; said issue to be made under Section 155 of the City Charter; the Committee on Printing be directed to have said bonds prepared, and that the Mayor be requested to sign the said bonds, and the City Clerk to seal the same with the corporate seal and attest the same, and the Finance Committee be authorized to deliver the same to the proper party on payment into the City Treasurer of one million of dollars.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill the resolution was adopted. President Pritchard also submitted another bid of J. S. Fox, President of the First National Bank proposing to take an additional \$50,000 of Jersey City 7 per cent 20 year bonds at par and interest from May 1st, 1871, said bonds to be either coupon or registered bonds at his option, and payable during May 1871.

On motion of Commissioner Gillette it was received and the bids accepted. A requisition from the Board of Police Commissioners for the sum of thirteen hundred and twenty-six dollars to pay claims of Judges and Clerks of election was received, and the following resolution was offered by Mayor O'Neill and adopted.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn by the City Clerk for the ten hundred and twenty-six dollars being the amount required by the Police Commissioners for the payment of officers of election, the same to be taken out of election appropriations.

A claim of Dixon & Collins for \$32.94, for legal services rendered D. S. Gregory in a suit against the city. On motion of Mayor O'Neill referred to Committee on Claims.

A claim of Thomas H. Wilks for \$40.50, for delivering assessment bills and tax notices in Bergen and Hudson City. On motion of Commissioner McNulty referred to the same Committee.

On motion of Commissioner Carnes the official bond of Josiah Hornblower for City Treasurer, with John R. McPherson, Alfred Heritage, John C. Hopkins and Wm. Beach as sureties, was accepted and ordered filed in the City Clerk's office.

On motion of Commissioner Gillette the official bond of Ezra A. Carman, City Comptroller, with A. I. Ritch and Isaac I. Vanderbeek as sureties, was accepted and ordered filed in the City Clerk's office.

President Pritchard stated to the Board that he had made arrangements for having the bonds printed, and they would be ready for delivery about the tenth of May.

On motion of Commissioner Carnes, the action of the President of this Board in regard to the printing of bonds was confirmed.

Mayor O'Neill called the attention of the committee on Printing to a resolution of the Board, adopted at the first meeting, directing the printing to be given to the three official papers of the city.

By Mayor O'Neill and adopted. That the Board do now adjourn.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.





Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation at the Mayor's office, City Hall, Thursday May 4, 1871, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Present—President Pritchard, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioner Farrier, Commissioner Gillett, Commissioner Carnes.

Mayor O'Neill moved that the minutes be approved as read, and to have the typical errors corrected in the printing of the manual, \$500,000 instead of \$50,000, and \$52 94 instead of \$32 94. The motion was adopted.

#### COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, &C.

A communication from G. S. Boice, Treasurer of the 5th Ward Savings Bank, notifying the Board of their readiness to comply with the terms of their bid, &c., was on motion of Mayor O'Neill received and filed.

A communication from S. Bridgert asking some appointment as clerk. On motion of Commissioner Gillett it was received, read and tabled.

A communication from the Clerk of the Board of Fire Commissioners notifying this Board that Dudley S. Gregory, Jr., was appointed a committee of one to meet with others to audit the accounts of the city. On motion of Commissioner Gillett it was received and filed.

A communication from the Knickerbocker Ice Company wishing to exchange some Jersey City improvement certificates for an equal number of long bonds, was on motion of Mayor O'Neill tabled for the present, and the clerk was authorized to state to said Robert MacLay by whom these certificates were held, that this Board did not desire to exchange any more at the present time.

A communication from Jacob Ringle, recommending John P. Van Cort to the office of Assistant Assessor of the Second District, was, on motion of Commissioner Carnes, received and filed.

A communication from Wm. M. Spader, declining the appointment of Assistant Assessor for the Second District, was, on motion of Commissioner Gillett, received and his resignation accepted.

A communication from T. R. Benwell, applying for the position of Assistant to the City Collector. On motion of Mayor O'Neill, it was received and tabled for the present.

A communication from Mr. Halsted, of the New York National Exchange Bank, to Commissioner Gillett, stating he has a customer for \$14,000 of Jersey City bonds, was, on motion of Commissioner Carnes, tabled for the present.

A communication from the City Clerk, submitting resolution adopted April 25, 1871, by Board of Aldermen, relative to salaries, was presented, received, and on motion of Mayor O'Neill, it was,

Resolved, That warrants be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of A. K. Brown, Corporation Counsel, for \$233 34; Herbert Stout, Corporation Attorney, for \$150; Samuel McBurney, Comptroller, for \$250; and David Hallanan, Treasurer, for \$125, all for salaries for April, 1871. The resolution was adopted.

A claim of Thomas McBurney for \$100, for services as clerk in the Comptroller's office for the month of April, 1871, was, on motion of Mayor O'Neill, ordered paid, and the City Clerk was ordered to draw a warrant for said amount.

A claim of John N. Hoyt, for services in Collector's office, for \$100, for April, 1871, was, on motion of Mayor O'Neill, laid on the table for the present.

President Pritchard, as part of a select committee, submitted some sample bonds for the Board's inspection and approval.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill, it was resolved, That the President of this Board be authorized to superintend the printing required for this Board at present, in accordance with a previous resolution. The resolution was adopted.

A claim of Leonard J. Gordon for \$300, for services rendered as auditor and accountant to May 1, 1871, was received, and, on motion of Mayor O'Neill, a warrant was ordered drawn for that amount.

A claim of \$800 and interest, to William J. Dodd, was presented, and, on motion of Commissioner Gillett, it was resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Wm. J. Dodd for eight hundred and fifty-five dollars and twenty-four cents (\$855 24), for payment of principal and interest due on certificate of architect in favor of Berry & Keeney for mason work done on engine house No. 2 or 14, dated May 14, 1870, and due April 1, 1871, accepted by Board of Aldermen May 31, 1870, and held by said Dodd.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

President Pritchard offered the following resolution: That a warrant be drawn in favor of E. M. Pritchard, President, for four thousand dollars, in payment for money loaned to the Police Department for the payment of the salaries for the last half of the month of April, 1871.

A resolution was offered by Commissioner Carnes, that the bonds of the City Collector shall be in the penal sum of one hundred thousand dollars, with sureties to be approved, &c., and that all resolutions heretofore passed relative thereto are hereby repealed.

The resolution was then rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Commissioner Farrier.

Nays—President Pritchard, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Gillett and Carnes.

By President Pritchard, and adopted:

Resolved, That the late City Treasurer is hereby directed to deliver to the City Treasurer of Jersey City all books, stationery, &c., in his possession that belong to the city.

By President Pritchard, and adopted:

Resolved, That S. McBurney, late City Comptroller, be directed to make a report of the affairs of his late office for the time since his last report to the 1st of May, 1871, the same to be published in pamphlet form under the direction of the Committee on Finance.

By Commissioner Farrier:

Resolved, That Patrick H. Laverty be and is hereby removed from the office of assessor of the second aldermanic district, and that Benjamin Shackleton be appointed in his place, was on motion of Mayor O'Neill, laid on the table.

By Commissioner Farrier:

Resolved, That John H. Burress be and is hereby appointed assistant assessor of second aldermanic district. Mayor O'Neill moved this take the same course. The motion was adopted.

By Commissioner Farrier:

Resolved, That Gilbert P. Robinson be and is hereby removed from the office of assessor of the fourth aldermanic district, and that Henry M. Rogers be appointed in his place. On motion of Mayor O'Neill, it was laid on the table.

By Commissioner Carnes, and adopted:

That this Board do now go into an election for Clerk for the Comptroller's office.

Nominations being in order, Mayor O'Neill nominated Thomas McBurney; Commissioner Gillett nominated A. D. Higham. Commissioner Carnes acting as teller. A. D. Higham received three (3) votes; Thomas McBurney received one (1) vote. One blank was cast. A. D. Higham having received the requisite number of votes was declared elected Clerk to the Comptroller.

President Pritchard moved, That the Board go into an election for Clerk to the City Collector. The motion was adopted.

Commissioner Carnes nominated Henry S. Lord; Mayor O'Neill nominated John N. Hoyt. Commissioner Carnes acting as teller. Henry S. Lord received four (4) votes; John N. Hoyt received one (1) vote. Henry S. Lord having received a majority of the votes cast was declared elected Clerk to the Collector.

It was moved and adopted that the Board go into an election for assistant clerks to the Collector.

John N. Hoyt and Alex. D. Hamilton having been nominated, Mayor O'Neill moved a suspension of the rules requiring the election by ballot, and to elect John N. Hoyt and Alex. D.





Hamilton by acclamation. The motion was adopted, and the President put the nominations and declared them elected.

For another Assistant Clerk, Commissioner Carnes nominated J. H. Clough. Commissioner Farrier nominated Reuben Howe, Commissioner Carnes acting as teller.

J. H. Clough received three (3) votes. Reuben Howe received two (two) votes, whereupon J. H. Clough having received the requisite number of votes cast, was declared elected one of the assistant clerks for the City Collector.

By Commissioner Carnes and adopted:  
That we go into an election for Assistant Assessor for the Second District.

Nominations being in order, Mayor O'Neill nominated Benjamin Shackelton. President Pritchard nominated J. P. Van Cort.

Benjamin Shackelton received four (4) votes. J. P. Van Cort received one vote. Mr. Shackelton having received the requisite number of votes, was declared elected Assistant Collector for the Second District.

By President Pritchard and adopted—  
Resolved, That the President of the Board be authorized to borrow from the Treasurer of Jersey City money in amount sufficient to pay off all of the claims of the different departments of the late city government, where such departments have exceeded their appropriations.

By Commissioner Farrier—

Resolved, That Martin Hanly be, and is hereby, removed from the office of Assistant Assessor of Fourth Aldermanic District, and that John K. Martin be appointed in his place. On

motion of Mayor O'Neill it was laid on the table.

By Commissioner Farrier—

Resolved, That Henry Gaede be, and is hereby appointed Assistant Assessor of the Fourth Aldermanic District. On motion of Mayor O'Neill it was laid on the table.

By Commissioner Gillett and adopted—

Resolved, That the President of this Board be requested to get the opinion of the City Attorney as to the incompetency in an Assessor, and what shall be considered as evidence of such incompetency.

By Commissioner Gillett and adopted

Resolved, That the services of Leonard J. Gordon, are no longer necessary as the information asked for, has been received in compliance with a former resolution asking for the same.

By Mayor Mayor O'Neill.

Resolved, That the President of this Board is hereby authorized to cause publication of notice in the official papers, that all Improvement Certificates falling due on or before the first day of September next, will be paid with interest thereon to date of presentation at the Comptroller's office; the resolution was adopted, by the following vote, the yeas and nays have been ordered and taken:

Yeas, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioner Farrier, Gillett and Caroes.

Nays, President Pritchard.

By Mayor O'Neill and adopted.

That this Board do now adjourn.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.



Meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation at the Mayor's office, City Hall, Thursday, May 11, at 2 o'clock, p. m. Present—President Pritchard, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Farrier, Gillett, and Carnes.

The minutes of the last meeting were being read, when, on motion of Commissioner Gillett, they were approved as printed.

#### PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Martha E. Clark, for relief from payment of water taxes of 1867, and cancellation of sale of her property. On motion of Commissioner Gillett, was referred to Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

A communication from A. D. Hamilton, accepting the position of Assistant Clerk to the City Collector, was, on motion of Commissioner Gillett, received and filed.

A communication from Henry S. Lord, accepting the position of Clerk of the Collector, was, on motion of Commissioner Carnes, received and filed.

A communication from J. H. Clough, accepting the position of Assistant Clerk to the City Collector, was, on motion of Commissioner Gillett, received and filed.

A communication from J. Dixon, Jr., City Attorney, relating to a resolution of last meeting, asking his opinion as to what is in competency in an Assessor, and what shall be considered as evidence of such incompetency, was received, read, and, on motion of Commissioner Gillett, placed on file.

A communication from John E. Scott, City Clerk, asking authority to purchase a new press for city seal, and also to have seal re-cut, was received, read, and, on motion of Mayor O'Neill, tabled for the present.

By unanimous consent of the Board, Mayor O'Neill moved an amendment to the rules or order of business of this Board as follows: Presentation of claims shall be No. 7 in the order of business, and previous to miscellaneous business. The motion was adopted.

The President announced the committees as follows:

Finance—Commissioners Carnes, Farrier and Gillett.

Taxations and Assessments—Commissioners Farrier, Gillett and Carnes.

Claims—Commissioners Gillett, O'Neill and Farrier.

Printing and Stationery—Commissioners O'Neill, Carnes and Farrier.

Salaries—Commissioners Carnes, O'Neill and Gillett.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mayor O'Neill and adopted—Resolved, That the City Clerk is hereby authorized to procure a new hand-press for city seal, and cause said seal to be recut.

By Mayor O'Neill and adopted—Resolved, That the Committee on Printing are hereby authorized to have the necessary numbers of warrant books printed for the City Clerk's office.

By President Pritchard and adopted—Resolved, That Room No. 3, in the City Hall, be, and is hereby designated as the place of the meeting of the Board of Assessors.

By President Pritchard and adopted—Resolved, that the Assessor's room in the City Hall shall be the place for receiving statements of personal property liable to taxation, under the act entitled, An act to re-organize the local government of Jersey City.

By President Pritchard and adopted—Resolved, That the Board of Assessors is hereby directed to meet at their rooms in the City Hall every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, from 7 p. m. to 9 p. m.; on every Saturday, from 10 a. m., to 12 noon, Monday, May 15th to June 19th, 1871; both days inclusive, for the purpose of receiving statements under both of the personal property liable to taxation of any person or persons, or corporations liable to taxation under the act entitled, An act to re-organize the local government of Jersey City, passed March 31, 1871.

By President Pritchard, and adopted—Resolved, That the City Clerk is hereby directed to

allow the Board of Assessors to have access to the assessment books, as filed in his office, for the year 1870.

By President Pritchard, and adopted—Resolved, That the bonus of the City Clerk shall be in the penal sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000), with two sureties in the sum of twelve thousand five hundred dollars each.

By President Pritchard, and adopted—Resolved, That the Clerk to the City Collector be required to furnish a bond in the sum of fifty thousand dollars, with five sureties in ten thousand dollars each, subject to the approval of this Board.

By Commissioner Gillett, and adopted—Resolved, That the Comptroller is hereby requested to report to this Board, at each regular meeting, the amount credited to each department under his control.

By Commissioner Gillett and adopted—Resolved, That the Treasurer is hereby requested to report to each regular meeting of this Board the balance in the Treasury at the close of the preceding day, and the amount in each of the banks keeping the city account.

By Commissioner Gillett and adopted—Resolved, That each of the banks holding temporary bonds due on or before the first of September, be notified to present them for payment at the Comptroller's office, and that the Comptroller is ordered to pay the same with accrued interest.

By Commissioner Gillett and adopted—Resolved, That notice be given by advertisement in the Jersey City Times, Journal, Standard, New York Evening Post and New York Times, that all improve ment certificates and bonds, due on or before Sept. 1, 1871, will be paid on presentation with accrued interest at the Comptroller's office, Jersey City.

By Commissioner Gillett—Resolved, That D. B. Halstead's bid for (\$1,000) fifteen thousand dollars' worth of Jersey City 7 per cent. registered bonds be accepted at par and interest.

Commissioner Gillett in offering this resolution said he presented it and wished that the bid might be accepted, as the bid or proposal should have been one of the first, and on account of some delay of the mails it was not received until last week.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the ayes and nays having been called for and taken:

Yeas, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Farrier, Gillett and Carnes.

Nays, President Pritchard.

Commissioner Farrier moved that the rules be suspended and that the Board go into an election for another assistant clerk in the Collector's office.

The ayes and nays having been called for the motion was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Pritchard, Commissioner Farrier and Carnes.

Nays—Mayor O'Neill and Commissioner Gillett.

Nominations being in order. Commissioner Farrier nominated John Creech, Jr. Commissioner Carnes acting as teller.

John Creech, Jr., received five votes, whereupon the President declared him elected as an Assistant Clerk in the Collectors office.

Mayor O'Neill moved that this Board go into an election for Clerk to the Comptroller, in place of A. D. Higham, resigned. The motion was adopted.

Nominations being in order. President Pritchard nominated W. Stevens. Mr. Carnes acting as teller, W. Stevens received five (5) votes, whereupon Mr. Stevens was declared elected Comptroller's Clerk.

By Commissioner Carnes, and adopted—Resolved, That John P. Van Court be appointed Distributor of Tax Bills. The rules having been suspended, Mr. Van Court on motion of Mayor O'Neill, was elected Distributor of Tax Bills, by acclamation.

By President Pritchard, and adopted—Resolved, That the City Clerk be and is hereby directed to draw a warrant in favor of the Police





Commissioners for the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, to pay the salaries of the police for the month of May, and also to pay the expenses of the late election.

By Commissioner Farrier, and adopted—Resolved, That Peter J. Hanley be employed as messenger for the different offices in the City Hall, page to the Board of Finance and Taxation, and also page to the Board of Police Commissioners.

The rules having been suspended, on motion of Mayor O'Neill, the election of Peter J. Hanley was made by acclamation. The motion was adopted, and Peter J. Hanley was declared elected.

By Commissioner Carnes, and adopted—Resolved, That the regular meetings of this Board be held hereafter on Friday evenings at 8 o'clock.

By Mayor O'Neill, and adopted—Resolved, That C. D. Mills be notified to present his bond at the Comptroller's office for payment, and there to receive the principal and interest.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill, the rules were suspended for the purpose of presentation of claims, when the following claims were presented: Thos. McBurney, clerk to the Comptroller, salary for March, \$100; Henry Gaede, maps for taxes in Twelfth Ward, \$15; J. H. Gorman, delivering tax bills, \$105; John Kinnell, transfer interest on county bond, \$144.3; John L. Kaskow, services in office Collector of Revenue, \$72; A. K. Brown for legal services \$332.85. Also a claim of Edward Brehm.

Petition of James Walsh to refund twenty dollars, amount of fines imposed by Police Justice, &c.

Mr. Farrier moved that all these claims and the petition would be referred to committee on Finance with power. The motion was adopted.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill, the Board then adjourned.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.





Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation at their rooms, City Hall, Friday evening, May 19, 1871.

Present—President Pritchard, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Farrier, Gillett and Carnes.

A communication from John Hillyer, of the Wall Street Journal, soliciting the patronage of the Board in regard to advertising, was, on motion of Commissioner Gillett, received and laid on the table.

A communication from the City Clerk, annexing a resolution passed by the Board of Aldermen on the 9th inst. and approved by His Honor the Mayor on the 12th inst. rescinding an order of the 2d inst. in regard to the publication of the annual message of the Mayor in the Hudson County Volksblatt, for the reason that the publication of all papers is confined by the charter to newspapers elected by this Board, and that this Board be requested to order publication of message in said excepted paper, was, on motion of Commissioner Gillett, received and filed.

A communication from W. A. Brown for the American Standard, Joseph A. Dear for the Evening Journal, and J. A. MacLauchan for the Jersey City Times, in regard to the rates of printing, on motion of Commissioner Gillett, was received, read and referred to the Committee on Printing.

A communication from Thomas Earle, requesting the Board to register his bonds in the names of four distinct parties, was, on motion of Commissioner Carnes, referred to the Committee on Finance.

A communication from D. B. Halstead, acknowledging the receipt of the Clerk's letter notifying him of the acceptance of his bid for \$15,000, and desiring the bonds to be registered in the names of two persons, and also wishing \$5,000 worth of bonds more, was, on motion of Mayor O'Neill, referred to the same Committee.

An invitation to this Board from the Committee of Arrangements, to participate in the ceremonies on the occasion of the decoration of the soldiers' graves, was, on motion of Commissioner Gillett, received, and the invitation accepted. A report from Saml McBurney, ex-Comptroller, of the receipts and expenditures of the corporation of Jersey City (according to the Treasurers vouchers), for the quarter ending April 29, 1871, viz:

Amount received during the quarter \$1,478,981 12  
Less overpaid on his books, Feb. 1,

1871..... 16,339 69

Total receipts less overpayment. \$1,462,591 43  
Amount paid out during the quarter 1,326,012 87

Balance on his books, April 29, 1871, \$136,578 56  
Warrants, requisitions, outstanding, 2,769 02

Treasurer's balance, April 29, 1871, \$136,347 54  
On motion of Commissioner Gillett, the statement was received, read and ordered filed.

The weekly report of the City Treasurer, in accordance with a resolution of May 11, 1871, calling for the balance in the Treasury at the close of the preceding day was as follows: First National Bank, \$872,085 09; Hudson County Bank, \$205,502 81; total, \$1,077,587 90—was, on motion of Commissioner Gillett, ordered to take the same course.

A communication from the Comptroller, submitting his weekly report, was received, read, and on motion of Commissioner Gillett placed on file.

The official bond of John E. Scott, City Clerk, with William Clarke and Theodore R. Varick as sureties, was presented, received, and on motion of Mayor O'Neill it was referred to the Committee on Finance.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

A claim of John W. Harrison for \$938 75 for stationery, printing, &c., was, on motion of Commissioner Carnes, referred to the Committee on Printing and Stationery.

The claims of A. K. Brown, John H. McCutcheon, and T. H. N. Wilks, having been audited and found correct, Commissioner Gillett offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That warrants be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of A. K. Brown for \$254 16, for service as counsel; John H. McCutcheon for \$274 89 for services as Assistant Registrar, and Thomas H. N. Wilks for \$40 50, for delivering assessment bills and tax notices in Bergen and Hudson City.

The resolution was adopted.

Commissioner Carnes moved a suspension of the rules in order to allow President Pritchard to offer the following resolution.

The motion was adopted.

By President Pritchard and adopted.

Resolved, That from and after this date H. S. Lord shall rank as one of the assistant clerks in the Collector's office, and that A. D. Hamilton shall rank as clerk to the Collector.

By Commissioner Farrier—

Resolved, That the resolution for the removal of Martin Hanley as Assessor to the Fourth Aldermanic District, and laid on the table at a previous meeting, be now taken up for consideration.

The ayes and nays having been called for and taken, the resolution was adopted by the following vote.

Yeas—President Pritchard, Commissioners Farrier and Carnes.

Nays—Mayor O'Neill and Commissioner Gillett.

Commissioner Gillett moved that the Board take a recess for fifteen minutes. The motion was adopted.

On reassembling, the Clerk presented the following resolution, that was tabled at a previous meeting:

Resolved, That Martin Hanley be removed from the position of Assistant Assessor of the Fourth Aldermanic District, and that John K. Martin be appointed in his place.

Commissioner Farrier moved the adoption of the first portion of this resolution.

The ayes and nays having been called, that portion of the resolution relating to the removal of Martin Hanley was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Pritchard, Commissioners Farrier and Carnes.

Nays—Mayor O'Neill and Commissioner Gillett.

Commissioner Carnes moved the Board now go into an election for Assistant Assessor for the Fourth Aldermanic District, in the place just made vacant. The motion was adopted.

Nominations being in order, Commissioner Carnes nominated John K. Martin. Commissioner Carnes acting as teller.

John K. Martin received three (3) votes.

Two blanks were cast.

John K. Martin having received the requisite number of votes, was declared elected Assistant Assessor for the Fourth Aldermanic District.

By Commissioner Farrier and adopted—

Resolved, That the bonds of the City Collector be in the sum of \$200,000, in sureties of not less than \$10,000 each, and that all or part of any former resolution in any way conflicting with this be and the same is hereby repealed.

The ayes and nays having been called for, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Pritchard, Commissioners Farrier, Gillett and Carnes.

Nays—Mayor O'Neill.

By Commissioner Gillett, and adopted—

Resolved, That the services of John H. McCutcheon be dispensed with, and that the Clerk of this Board be authorized to notify him of this fact.

Mayor O'Neill reported on the part of the Committee on Printing, that during the recess he had talked to the members of the Committee in respect to the communication from the three official papers, but as it was a matter of great importance, the Committee were unable on so short a time, to come to any definite understanding, therefore he would report progress.

A bid from Nathan Stephens to M. H. Gillett, for \$50,000 worth of Jersey City 7 per cent. bonds, at par and accrued interest, was here



presented, and on motion of Mayor O'Neill it was received and tabled.

A transfer of balance of funds of the late Board of Water Commissioners by the Registrar to John B. Haight, was presented, and on motion of Mayor O'Neill was referred to the Committee on Finance. Also a communication from H. R. Clarke, chairman of Committee on Finance and George McLoughlin, President of the late Board of Water Commissioners certifying that

the sum of four hundred and four dollars and sixty-one cents, is due to the late Registrar by the city of Jersey City, and when the same is paid to him, his books will balance, &c. &c., was, on motion of Mayor O'Neill, referred to Committee on Claims.

By Mayor O'Neill and adopted.

That this Board do now adjourn.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.





Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation at their rooms, City Hall, Friday evening, May 26, 1871, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Pritchard, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Farrier and Carnes.

Absent—Commissioner Gillett.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A communication from L. W. Post, City Surveyor, offering to furnish twenty-five maps of each Aldermanic District of Jersey City, in all one hundred and fifty maps, showing all lots and parcels of land in the city, in book form, &c. &c., within ten days, for fifteen hundred dollars. On motion of Commissioner Carnes received and tabled.

A communication from the City Attorney, in regard to the bonds to be given by pound-masters and inspectors of scales, weights and measures. On motion of Mayor O'Neill it was received and filed.

A communication from the City Attorney, stating that it is unlawful for the Board to pay out any moneys of the city to any person, unless the person claiming the payment shall first present a detailed bill of items, specifying particularly how such bill is made up, and the dates and the names of persons to whom the amounts were severally paid, with the affidavit of the party claiming payment that these are correct, &c., was, on motion of Mayor O'Neill, received and filed.

A communication from the City Clerk requesting cancellation of sale of property sold in error by former city of Hudson, for assessment, was on motion of Mayor O'Neill, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

A communication from John B. Haight, Collector of revenue, submitting a lot of receipts for amounts paid in and for the opening of Day street, for buildings taken, &c.; also stating that he has a balance of \$34.23 now in his possession, and asking the Board to direct him as to what disposition he shall make of said balance, was on motion of Mayor O'Neill referred to Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

A communication from John Rommelt, Chas. Bruier, Alex. O. Thn. Thomas Alridge, John C. Hopkins, Jr., G. D. Van Riper and others, petitioning this Board to allow the official proceedings of the different departments of the city government to be printed in the Hudson County Volksblatt, a German newspaper of this city for the benefit of the German citizens, was on motion of Commissioner Carnes referred to the Committee on Printing and Stationery.

Claim of John W. Harrel on for \$33.55 for stationery &c., etc., was on motion of Commissioner Farrier ordered paid.

The claim of John H. Lyon for \$34.40 for printing, stationery, &c., etc., having been audited and found correct, was on motion of Mayor O'Neill ordered paid.

A claim of Martin Hanley as Assistant Assessor Fourth Aldermanic District, for \$200, was on motion of Mayor O'Neill referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Claim of Thomas Tirrel for a deduction of \$16.22, being a mistake between the Assessor's and Collector's book, was, on motion of Commissioner Carnes, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

The official bond of John E. Scott, City Clerk, with William Clarke and Theodore R. Varick as sureties, was, on motion of Mayor O'Neill, received, accepted and ordered filed.

The official bond of James H. Love, City Collector, with Joseph H. Bumsted, John McDougal, Chas. Turner, Joseph B. Stone, John Egan, F. Doyle, Wm. Whyte, N. D. Taylor, Wm. Landmesser, Isaac Edge, Wm. Robertson, P. H. Nugent, Nathaniel Turner and H. M. Soule as sureties, was, on motion of Mayor O'Neill, referred to the Committee on Finance.

The official bond of Alexander D. Hamilton as Clerk to the City Collector, with Alexander Hamilton, Joseph Clowes and John Van Vorst as sureties, was, on motion of Commissioner Carnes, referred to the Committee on Finance.

The report of the Committee on Taxation and Assessments, on communication from Stephen Storms, in relation to an error made in payment

of assessment on his property, and asking to have the sum of \$101.33 returned, stated that the matter had been amicably arranged between Mr. Storms and the adjoining owner and Philip O'Neill, and no further action is necessary.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill, the report of the Committee was received, read and adopted.

A report of the Committee on Taxation and Assessments, on communication from City Clerk, recommending cancellation of sale made in error by former City of Hudson, and recommended the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sale made May 4, 1869, for assessment for grading Bergen avenue; of lot 36, Bergen avenue, block 59, assessed to Henry Pinder, and sale made May 4, 1869, for water rents of 1868, of lot 15, Harrison Place, block 125, assessed to E. Dougherty, be canceled of record by the City Clerk, and that warrants be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of D. M. Demorest, the purchaser, for \$69.32 assessment and \$19.2 water tax, with interest thereon at the rate of fifteen per cent. per annum from date of sale, May 4, 1869, to refund purchase money paid by said Demorest with interest allowed in such cases.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill the report was received and the resolution adopted.

By President Pritchard and adopted—

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer, in favor of the different officers and clerks under the control of this Board, for the following amounts:

E. A. Carman, \$366.66, for his salary as Comptroller, from April 27th to June 1st; also Wm. Stevens, \$80.00, for his salary from May 15th to June 1st; Josiah Hornblower, \$274.99, for his salary as City Treasurer, from April 27th to June 1st; A. D. Hamilton, \$73.27, for salary as Clerk in the Collector's office, from May 4th to the 26th, and \$25.00, for Clerk of the Collector, from May 26th to June 1st; H. S. Lord, \$89.91, as salary from May 4th to June 1st, as Clerk in the Collector's office; John N. Hoyt, \$89.91, for his salary as Clerk in the Collector's office from May 4th to June 1st; John Cresco, Jr., \$13.32, for his salary as Clerk in the Collector's office, from May 27th to June 1st; J. H. Clough, \$89.91, for his salary as Clerk in the Collector's office, from May 4th to June 1st; Peter J. Hanley, \$38.80, for his salary from May 11 to June 1st, as Messenger to the different offices in the City Hall, page to Board of Finance and Taxation, as well as page to Board of Police Commissioners; also Robert Hutton, \$26.64, as Clerk to the Board of Finance and Taxation, from April 6th to May 1st, and \$13.33, as Clerk to the Mayor and Board of Finance and Taxation, from May 1st to June 1st.

The Treasurer reported for the week ending Friday May 26th, 1871, the balances in the banks to be as follows: First National Bank, \$902,231.32; Hudson County National Bank, \$154,410.09; total, \$956,641.41.

The Comptroller's weekly report was received and on motion of Mayor O'Neill it was ordered filed.

By President Pritchard and adopted.

Resolved, That the claim of John H. Lyon for \$34.40 for stationery, &c., having been referred to a Committee and found correct, the City Treasurer is hereby ordered to draw a warrant for said amount.

By Commissioner Farrier and adopted.

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board be instructed to notify John J. Gaffney, Collector and Charles J. Roe, Clerk of the former city of Hudson to produce before this Board the book in which the entries were made of Taxes and Assessments collected in said city.

By President Pritchard and adopted:

Resolved, That the salaries of the different clerks be as follows: Clerk to the Comptroller, \$1800 per annum; Clerk to the Collector, \$1800 per annum; Clerk to the Board of Finance and Taxation as well as Clerk to the Mayor, \$1600 per annum; City Hall Messenger and Page to the Board of Finance and Taxation, as well as Page to the Board of Police Commissioners, \$700 per annum.

By Commissioner Carnes and adopted:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this



Board, May 11, that the Clerk to the City Collector be required to furnish a Bond in the sum of \$50,000 with five sureties in ten thousand dollars each, be amended so that such sureties shall be for \$50,000, with two sureties of \$20,000 each, and one of \$10,000.

The proposition of L. Post, to furnish maps for the Assessors, was, on motion of Mayor O'Neill, taken from the table and referred to the Joint Committee on Printing and Taxation and Assessments.

The President stated to the Board that it was the desire of the Assessors to meet with the Board and receive such instructions from them in regard to the valuation of property, as to this Board seems best.

Mayor O'Neill moved that the matter be referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments. The motion was adopted.

Mayor O'Neill moved that the Clerk be authorized to advertise in all the official papers of this city, and in the N. Y. Journal of Commerce and the N. Y. Evening Post, that all improvement certificates and bonds of Jersey City, due on or before January 1, 1872, will be paid on presentation, with accrued interest, at the Comptroler's Office, Jersey City.

Mayor O'Neill reported on the part of the Committee on Printing and in reference to the communication of last week from the three official papers of this city, that the committee had come to the conclusion to give \$3,000 a year to each of the three official papers for publishing the official proceedings of the different departments of the city, and sixty cents per folio for the first insertions of any extra work, and forty cents per folio for any subsequent insertion.

The report of the committee was adopted.

The President appointed next Monday afternoon, May 29, 1871, at 2 o'clock, as the time and these rooms as the place for the meeting of the Auditing Committee, in accordance with a resolution passed April 20, 1871.

By Commissioner Carnes and adopted:

That this Board do now adjourn.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.





Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, at their rooms, City Hall, Friday evening, June 2, 1871, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present, President Pritchard, Commissioners Farrier and Carnes.

Absent, Mayor O'Neill, and Commissioner Gillett.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as printed.

Petition of John J. Van Cleef in behalf of Delos E. Culver and Augustus S. Whiton, to have cancellation of Assessment on Washington avenue, 100 feet west of Maple street to Bergen Plank road, was, on motion of Commissioner Carnes, referred to Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition of John Dommelt, Chas. Bruier, Alex. Cohn and others, to have the official proceedings of the different departments of the city government printed in the Hudson Co. Volksblatt, a German newspaper of this city, was on motion of Commissioner Carnes referred to the Committee on Printing.

A communication from Charles J. Roe, former city clerk of Hudson City in answer to a communication from this Board to him to produce the books in which entries were made of taxes, &c., was, on motion of Commissioner Carnes, received and the Clerk was authorized to ask him for the titles and the number of books so delivered.

Communication of J. J. Gaffney, former Collector for Hudson City, in answer to a communication from this Board, respecting books, &c., was on motion of Commissioner Carnes referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

A communication from His Honor the Mayor, inclosing a communication from Oram W. Morris, executor for the estate of Richard Sip, requesting to be relieved from an assessment, &c., was on motion of Commissioner Carnes referred to Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Claim of O'Brien & Kelly, \$142 90, for stationery, &c., for city officers.

The Clerk was on motion of Com. Carnes authorized to return the same for correction, at the same time enclosing the opinion of the City Attorney in regard to these claims.

Claim of the Treasurer of Greenville, previously referred to the Committee on Finance, was returned and referred to the Committee on Claims.

The report of the City Treasurer in regard to the balance in the banks for the week ending June 2, 1871, was as follows: First National, \$18,515 11; Hudson County National Bank, \$241,177 21; total, 959,692 32. On motion of Commissioner Carnes, it was received and filed.

The Comptroller's report for the week ending June 2, 1871, was, on motion of Commissioner Farrier, received and filed.

A communication from the City Clerk, requesting cancellation of sale made in error by former city of Hudson for taxes of 1867, was, on motion of Commissioner Carnes, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

A report of the Finance Committee in regard to the bond held by C. D. Mills, and previously ordered cancelled, was confirmed.

The Committee on Finance in relation to the communication of D. B. Halstead, reported that the bonds were drawn in accordance with his application, and recommended that his proposal for an additional \$5,000 for Jas. S. Oakley be declined.

The report of the Committee was received, and their action confirmed.

Report of the Finance Committee in regard to the delivery of bonds of Thos. Earle in conformity with his application.

The report of the Committee was received, and their action confirmed.

The report of the Committee on Taxation and Assessments on communication from City Clerk for cancellation of sale for water rents sold in error by former City of Hudson. The Committee recommended the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Clerk is hereby authorized to cancel the sale made by the former

city of Hudson, May 4, 1869, of lot 2, Gilbert's map, block 135, for water rents of 1868, and that a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of D. M. Demorest, the purchaser, for six dollars purchase money paid by him, with interest at the rate of fifteen per cent per annum from date of sale, to be delivered on surrender of declaration of sale held by said Demorest, the said water rents having been paid May 15, 1868, before sale.

The report of the Committee was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Taxation and Assessments, on communication from Henry Gade relative to error in assessments for taxes of 1870 on property of Thomas Tirrell, report and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Collector is hereby authorized to receive from Thomas Tirrell the sum of twenty-nine dollars and seventy-four cents, with lawful interest, from Dec. 20, 1870, in full payment for taxes of 1870, on lot 6, Bergenwood avenue, block 5, Twelfth Ward.

The report of the Committee was received and the resolution adopted.

The annual statement of Samuel McBurney, ex-Comptroller of Jersey City for last year was, on motion of Commissioner Carnes, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Commissioner Carnes moved that the Committee on Taxation and Assessments, as part of a Joint Committee, be allowed to make a verbal report in regard to the maps for the Assessors. The motion was adopted.

Commissioner Farrier reported he had met with the Committee on Printing and Stationery, and also with L. Post, and that Mr. Post had agreed to furnish five copies of these maps for each district for \$5 00.

On motion of Commissioner Carnes the report of the Committee was received and their action confirmed.

The Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to whom was referred the communication of John B. Haight, ex-collector of taxes, in regard to and enclosing receipts of amounts paid to property owners on Dey street, also asking to be directed as to what disposition should be made of a balance in his possession of \$34 23, due to the property owners, the committee report and recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That John B. Haight, late collector, be directed to pay to James H. Love, the present City Collector, the sum of three hundred and thirty-four dollars and twenty-three cents (\$34 23), balance remaining of \$680, monies derived from sale of buildings taken for opening Dey street, and that said Collector is hereby directed to disburse said moneys in accordance with resolution adopted February 14, 1871, by late Board of Aldermen; and that the receipts returned by said Haight be placed on file.

The report of the Committee was received and the resolution adopted.

The claim of Martin Hanley, Assistant Assessor of the Fourth District, for \$200, was reported on by the Committee on Salaries as incorrect.

The report of the Committee was received and their action adopted.

Claim of John N. Hoyt, \$100, for services in the Collector's office, and Thomas McBurney, \$100, for services as Clerk in the Comptroller's office were, on motion of Commissioner Carnes, referred back for their affidavits.

Commissioner Carnes reported, on the part of the Committee on Auditing, that they had met; and on account of the extensive and very important matter contained in these accounts the Committee thought it necessary to have some expert, as it would take too long a time for the Committee to make as particular an examination as this case would require, and would offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Auditing from this Board be authorized to employ one or more experts for the purpose of auditing the old accounts of the city.

The resolution was adopted.

Claim of George Vietengruber \$30 for refreshments furnished Joint Committee on Fire Alarm and Police Telegraph.



Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Claim of Merselles & Co. for carriage hire, referred to Committee on Claims.

Claim of Thomas McBride, \$200, for services in the Collector's office for April and May, referred to Committee on Salaries.

Claim of Journal of Commerce, \$2 25, for advertising, was reported correct by the Committee, and ordered paid.

Claims of John H. Lyon, \$273 55, Times Printing Company, \$179 50, \$37 25, was referred to the Committee on Printing and Stationery.

Claim of H. L. Lord referred to the Committee on Claims.

Claim of John N. Hoyt, \$12, was referred to Committee on Salaries.

Claim of Samuel Bridgart, \$6 56, for distributing bills, was referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Claims of Henry Gaede, \$15, Edward Brehm, Martua E. Clark, on account of water taxes; James H. Farrant, error in assessment, having been referred to the Committee on Finance, April 26, 1871, were returned and referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

By President Richardson adopted—

Resolved, That warrants be drawn in favor of Thomas K. Halstead for \$125, and Nicholas E. Furey for \$100, in full for payment of salaries as clerks in City Clerk's office, for the month of May, 1871.

Claim of Pangborn, Dunning & Dear, \$250, for publishing minutes, Times Printing Company, \$250, for publishing the minutes of the several boards of the city government. The Committee having found the bills correct for the amount stated, offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That warrants be drawn on the City

Treasurer in favor of the Times Printing Company for \$250, and Pangborn, Dunning & Dear, \$250, for publishing the minutes of the several boards of the city government.

The resolution was adopted.

By Commissioner Farrier and adopted—

Resolved, That the bonds of the Pound-keepers be fixed at five hundred dollars each, with two sureties, and of assistant pound-keepers in like manner, if appointed by the Board of Aldermen, and delegated like powers to Pound keepers; and that the bonds of Inspectors of Weights and Measures be fixed at one thousand dollar: each, with two sureties.

Commissioner Carnes moved a suspension of the rules in order to allow President Pritchard to offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the President of the Board be authorized to employ temporarily such additional clerical force as may, in his opinion, be necessary in the office of the City Collector.

The resolution was adopted.

The official bond of Robert H. Harriot, with William Whyte and William Allen as sureties, was presented, and on motion of Commissioner Carnes it was accepted and ordered filed.

By Commissioner Farrier and adopted—

That this Board do now adjourn.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.





Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, at their rooms, City Hall, Friday evening, June 9, 1871, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present, President Pritchard, Commissioners Farrier, Gillett and Carnes.

Absent, Mayor O'Neill.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting were dispensed with, and on motion they were adopted as printed.

A communication from Charles J. Roe, clerk of the former city of Hudson, submitting a list of books delivered to the city clerk of Jersey City, and also stating his willingness to comply with any demand this Board may make in regard to any explanation relative to books &c., was, on motion of Commissioner Carnes, referred to committee on finance.

Petition of Mrs. Susan Cole to have fine of five dollars remitted, that was imposed on her son for bathing within the city limits, was, on motion of Commissioner Carnes referred to committee on finance.

Petition of Chas. Keenan and Hugh Keenan, executors of the estate of D. Keenan, to have the sum of \$845.77 for taxes, refunded, as the said sum has been paid twice, &c., was, on motion of Commissioner Carnes, referred to the committee on taxation and assessments.

Petition of John Correll, Chas. W. Wallich, Wm. O'Rourke and others, to be relieved of a tax on sewer running through South 8th street was, on motion of Commissioner Carnes, referred to the committee on taxation and assessments.

Petition of S. Bridgart to be appointed as a clerk, was, on motion, laid on the table.

Petition of James Walsh to have fine of \$20 refunded, and enclosed by communication from E. McWilliams, Chief of Police, stating the advantages taken by said Walsh, under his license as public porter, to practice arts not honest, was reported on by the committee, and it was recommended that the prayer of the petitioner be refused.

The report of the committee, on motion of Commissioner Farrier, was received, and the recommendation adopted.

The Committee on Finance reported the transfer of balance of funds of \$4,254.83 from Leonard J. Gordon to John B. Haight, formerly collector, as correct.

On motion of Commissioner Carnes, the report was received and filed.

The treasurer's report on the balances in bank for the week ending June 9, 1871, were as follows

First National Bank.....	\$541,827 69
Hudson County National Bank.....	180,659 53

Total.....\$722,487 22

On motion of Commissioner Carnes, the report was received and ordered filed.

Claims of John L. Kashow, \$72, services as clerk in collector's office; John N. Hoyt, \$81, services as clerk in collector's office; Thos. McBurney, \$100, services as clerk in the Comptroller's office; Thomas McBride, \$100, for services as clerk to the Collector of Revenue; Samuel Bridgart, \$6 56, for delivering tax bills; Pangborn, Dunning & Dear, \$439 66; Times Printing Co., \$75 50; John W. Harrison, \$182 50, for stationery, &c.; H. A. Halsey, \$14, for delivering tax notices, and H. S. Lord 75 cents, for express fare. The above claims, having been reported correct by the committee, were ordered paid.

The Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to whom was referred, June 2, recommendation to refund purchase money to Augusta Waugh of lot 6 Bergen avenue, block 3 or 66, report and recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of A. Waugh for eight dollars and twenty-nine cents, with interest thereon, at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, from August 11, 1868, to refund purchase money of lot 6, Bergen avenue, block 3 or 66, bought by her at that time at sale made by former City of Hudson, but which tax was paid in June 1868 to C. J. Roe, Clerk.

On motion of Commissioner Gillett the report of the Committee was received and the resolution adopted.

The petition of John Rommelt and others having been returned by the Committee on Printing without a report, it was, on motion, laid on the table.

Commissioner Carnes reported, on the part of the Special Committee on Auditing, that an expert had been engaged and was now at work on the Treasurer's books, and he thought it proper in the Board to engage one permanently, as then they could get any information upon the moment, and now it was most impossible to get any satisfaction; he thought, however, as it was, it would require the services of an expert for a long time to clear up the clouds that seem to hover over some of these large items.

Commissioner Gillett moved the report of the Committee be received and their action confirmed.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of John W. Harrison, \$155 45, for stationery, &c., and Times Printing Company, allowed by the Board to withdraw a former claim on account of some error, and substitute one for \$111, were on motion of Commissioner Gillett referred to the Committee on Printing.

Claim of Anness & Murray, \$75, for tape lines, &c., &c., was referred to Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Claim of Samuel McBurney \$500, for making out annual report and other services, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

John H. Lyon \$273 55, for advertising and printing, was referred to the Committee on Printing.

Commissioner Gillett asked to be excused from serving on the Committee on Claims, stating his inability to meet with them at night, and give that attention and time to it that such business required.

The President excused him.

Commissioner Gillett also returned some of the claims to the Board on which he was not at present fully prepared to report; they were as follows: Leonard I. Gordon \$404 61, wagon hire for City Marshal \$21, Geo. Viengruer \$50 for refreshments furnished Joint Committee on Fire and Water, and an old claim of G. A. Lillerdahl, Treasurer of Greenville, for \$144 34, which was referred by the President to the residue of that Committee; claims of John N. Hoyt having been found by the Committee incorrect were, on motion, ordered returned.

The different committees having audited and found the following claims correct, Com. Carnes offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That warrants be drawn on the City Treasurer for the following amounts: John S. Kashaw \$72, for services as clerk in the Collector's office, John H. Hoyt \$81, for services as clerk in the Collector's office, Thos. McBurney \$100, for services as clerk in the Comptroller's office for March, 1871, Thos. McBride \$100, for services as clerk in the Collector's office from March 1, to April 1, Samuel Bridgart \$6 56, for delivering tax bills, Pangborn, Dunning & Dear \$439 66, for printing &c., Times Printing Co. \$75 50, for advertising, John W. Harrison \$182 50, stationery, printing, &c., H. A. Halsey \$14, for delivering tax notices, and H. S. Lord 75 cts, for express fare. Dixon & Collins \$26 47, suit of Dudley S. Gregory vs. Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, also Dixon & Collins \$26 47, suit of Dudley S. Gregory vs. Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City.

The official Bonds of George Staushe Pound Keeper with Charles Pfening and John Ulmer as sureties, Abraham Van Stouten as Assistant Pound Keeper with Jacob Newkirk and George Mott as sureties, Matthew A. Telter, Inspector of weights, scales, and etc., with John H. Van Derzee and Henry S. Lord as sureties, Henry Knoop, Inspector of scales, weights and measures with John Knoop and A. Ingwersen as sureties were received, on motion of Commissioner Carnes, referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Commissioner Farrier and adopted.

That this Board do now adjourn.

ROBERT HUTTON Clerk.



Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, met at their rooms, City Hall, Friday evening, June 16, 1871, at 8 o'clock.

Present—President Pritchard, Commissioners Farrier and Carnes.

Absent—Mayor O'Neill and Commissioner Gillette.

On motion of Commissioner Farrier the reading of the minutes was dispensed with and they were adopted as printed.

Petition of Edward Dougherty to remit amount of water tax paid by him for property owned by him on Chestnut avenue was on motion of Commissioner Carnes referred to Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition of Mrs. Susan Cole for remission of fine imposed on her son for bathing within the city limits. The Committee reported adversely to the prayer of the petitioner.

The report of the Committee was received and their action confirmed.

Requisition from the Board of Assessors for pens, paper, &c., was referred to Committee on Printing and Stationery.

Communication from Jacob Weart, acting executor of Mary E. Sisson, deceased, asking this Board to cancel assessments, &c., was, on motion of Commissioner Carnes, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Communication from J. Dixon, Jr., City Attorney, relative to the tax levied on the Morris Canal and Banking Co., and also the State Insurance Co., was, on motion of Commissioner Farrier, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

A communication was presented from the Comptroller, setting forth interest falling due during the month of July, of..... \$115,546 25  
Bonds due July 1, 1871..... 10,000 00

Total..... \$125,546 25  
was on motion of Commissioner Carnes referred to the Committee on Finance.

A communication presented from John E. Scott, City Clerk, relative to the disposition of the twenty year seven per cent. coupon and registered bonds, &c., was, on motion of Commissioner Carnes, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred the claims of John H. Gorman, for delivering tax bills, reported adversely.

On motion of Commissioner Farrier the report of the Committee was received and their action confirmed.

Claims of the Times Printing Company, \$111, for job printing; John H. Lyon, \$273 55, or advertising and printing; John W. Harrison, \$155 45, for stationery, &c., were, on motion of Commissioner Farrier, received and ordered paid.

Claims of Samuel McBurney, \$500, for services in making annual report, &c., and of Thomas McBride, \$200, for services in Collector's office for April and May, referred to the Committee on Claims on the 2d and 9th insts., were reported correct for \$291 67 and \$135 98 respectively.

On motion of Commissioner Carnes the report of the Committee was received and their action confirmed, and warrants were ordered drawn for said amounts.

Claim of Henry Gaede, \$15, for maps for taxes in 12th Ward, was reported correct, and warrant was ordered drawn for the amount.

The old claim of Merseles & Co. \$21, for wagon hire, and George Vieteugruber, \$30 for refreshments for Fire Alarm and Police Telegraph, was on motion of Commissioner Carnes, referred to the committee on claims.

Claim of Thomas McBurney for \$100 for services in the Comptroller's office for the month of May, was on motion of Commissioner Farrier ordered paid.

The weekly report of the City Treasurer for the week ending June 16, 1871, was as follows:

On deposit in	
First National Bank,	\$383,094 02
Hudson County National Bank,	215,427 35
Total	598,521 37

On motion of Commissioner Farrier it was received and filed.

The Committee on Taxation and Assessments to whom was referred the petition of Chas. and Hugh Keenan executors of the estate of D. Keenan to have refunded monies twice paid for taxes and assessments against property, &c., report and recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the executors of the estate of D. Keenan for eight hundred and forty five dollars and seventy-seven cents (\$845 77), to refund amount paid for taxes on 1869, and assessment for improvement of Monticello avenue against the property of said estate, the said claims having been twice paid in error.

On motion of Commissioner Carnes the report of the committee was received and the resolution was adopted.

The Committee on Taxation and assessments to whom was referred the petition of Edward Brahm to this Board relative to certain assessments &c., reported adversely to the prayer of the petitioner.

On motion of Commissioner Farrier the report of the committee was received and the action confirmed.

#### REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Commissioner Carnes on the part of the Auditing Committee, to audit the accounts of the city, reported progress.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The petition of the Hudson Co. Volksblatt, relative to the city printing, was on motion of Commissioner Carnes laid on the table indefinitely.

The Committee on Finance, to whom were referred the official bonds of Henry Knoop, as inspector of scales, weights, &c., with John Knoop and August Ingwersen as sureties; Abram Van Houten, Pound Keeper, with Jacob Newkirk and George Mott, sureties; George Houshe, with Charles Pfening and John Ulmer as sureties, reported favorably, and on motion of Commissioner Farrier the bonds were received, accepted and ordered on file.

The official bond of William C. White, pound-keeper, with James M. Newkirk and Christian Jahn as sureties, was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Finance.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS

Claims of John H. Lyon, \$189 90 for printing, and advertising; Times' Printing Company, \$196 00 for job printing; John B. Haight, \$244 66 for services as city collector from May 1st to 26th inclusive; John N. Hoyt, \$84 00 for services as clerk in the collector's office. The first and second were referred to the Committee on Printing and Stationery; third and fourth, to the Committee on Salaries.

The different committees have audited and found the bills correct for the following amounts; Commissioner Carnes offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That warrants be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Thomas McBurney, Jr. \$100 for services in the Comptroller's office for the month of May, 1871; Henry Gaede, \$15 for maps for taxes in the 12th ward; Samuel McBurney, \$291 67 for making out annual report and other services; Thomas McBride, \$185 98 for services as assistant to the Collector of Revenue for April and May; Times Printing Company, \$111 for job printing; John H. Lyon, \$273 55 for advertising and printing; and John W. Harrison, \$155 45 for printing and stationery.

The resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars be appropriated by this Board for the proper celebration of the ninety-fifth anniversary of our National Independence, said sum to be expended under the supervision of the Board of Aldermen.

By Commissioner Carnes and adopted:  
That this Board do now adjourn.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.





Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation at their rooms, City Hall, Friday, June 23, 1871, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Pritchard, Commissioners Farrier and Gillett.

Absent—Mayor O'Neill and Commissioner Carnes.

On motion of Commissioner Gillett the reading of the minutes of the last meeting were dispensed with, and they were adopted as printed.

Petition of A. M. Capen for a remission of fine of ten dollars imposed on him by the Police Judge for neglect to fill hole in front of his premises, was on motion of Commissioner Gillett referred to the Committee on Finance.

Communication from the City Clerk requesting to be directed to publish in the official papers &c., a list of property still unredeemed by the corporation of the former City of Hudson, September 7, 1869 for taxes and assessments, and submitting the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Clerk is hereby directed to publish in the official papers of this city, for the length of time required by law a list of property still unredeemed, sold by the corporation of the former city of Hudson, September 7, 1869, for unpaid taxes and assessments.

The resolution was adopted.

Claims of John H. Lyon, \$189 90 for printing and advertising, and of Times Printing Co. \$196 for printing, &c., having been audited and found correct, where on motion of Commissioner Farrier ordered paid.

The report of the City Treasurer showing balances in the Banks, for the week ending, June 23, 1871, were as follows:

First National Bank,	\$348,454 32
Hudson County National Bank,	175,733 33
Total,	524,187 65

On motion of Commissioner Gillett, the report was received and ordered filed.

The Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to whom was referred the communication from the Mayor, May 27, 1871, enclosing and submitting a petition of Oram W. Morris, executor of the estate of Richard Sip, asking to be relieved of an assessment of \$486.52, for widening Bergen avenue. Reported adversely to granting prayer of the petitioner.

On motion of Commissioner Farrier the report of the committee was received, and their action confirmed.

The Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to whom was referred the communication from Jacob Weart in relation to assessment, &c., reported that by the advice of the City Attorney, they recommend that the communication be returned to Mr. Weart for presentation to the Board of Public Works, the said Board having jurisdiction of the subject matter of this communication.

On motion of Commissioner Gillett, the report of the Committee was adopted.

The Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to whom was referred, June 9, 1871, petition of John Correll, Chas. Wallich and others, to be relieved of tax on sewer running on South Eighth street, report that by the advice of the City Attorney this matter belongs exclusively to the Board of Public Works, and recommend a reference to said Board.

On motion of Commissioner Gillett, the report of the Committee was received, and their recommendation adopted.

The report of the Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Aldridge to have the proposed improvement of Newark Avenue from the five corners easterly to the old boundary line of Jersey City, assessed, not on the property fronting upon said Avenue and the cross streets only but generally upon all the property benefited, in proportion to the benefit received, &c. The committee report and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That in the opinion of the Board of Finance and Taxation the expense of grading, paving with Belgian pavement, flagging, curbing, with retaining walls and such necessary work as may be required in the improvement of Newark Avenue from the five corners easterly

to the old boundary line of Jersey City, should be assessed not upon the property fronting upon it and the cross streets only but generally upon all property benefited in proportion to the benefit received.

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board cause a copy of this resolution to be filed with the Clerk of the Board of Public Works and served upon each Commissioner of Assessment before the completion of said improvement, and thereupon the said expense shall be assessed accordingly.

On motion of Commissioner Gillett the report of the Committee was received and the resolutions adopted.

The report of the Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to whom was referred the petition of Wm. Hornblower to have the cost of improvement on Hoboken avenue not assessed on the property fronting said avenue and the cross streets only, but generally upon all the property benefited, in proportion to the benefit received, &c., the Committee report and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That in the opinion of the Board of Finance and Taxation the expense of grading, paving with Belgian pavement, flagging, curbing, with retaining walls, and such necessary work as may be required in the improvement of Hoboken avenue from the Five Corners easterly to the old boundary line of Hudson City, should be assessed, not upon the property fronting upon it, and the cross streets only, but generally upon all property benefited, in proportion to the benefit received.

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board cause a copy of this resolution to be filed with the Clerk of the Board of Public Works, and served upon each Commissioner of Assessment before the completion of said improvement, and thereupon the said expenses shall be assessed accordingly.

On motion of Commissioner Farrier it was received and the resolutions adopted.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claims of Pangborn, Dunning & Dear, \$140 50 for printing; also Pangborn, Dunning & Dear, \$78 80, for advertising; was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Printing and Stationery. Claims of S. B. Ransom, \$100, for services attending examination of witnesses in two certioraris brought against the city by Edward Evans and H. Henry Baxter to remove assessment fees in case of Grand street improvement, on three different days, and counsel fees for examining said cases; also S. B. Ransom, \$150, for services preparing and arguing certiorari in Supreme Court vs. Morris Canal & Banking Company, in matter of tax; was referred to the Committee on Claims.

By President Pritchard, and adopted—

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance is hereby directed to deliver four registered bonds of twenty-five thousand dollars each—having twenty years to run—to Mr. G., upon the surrender of one five year bond of one hundred thousand dollars, as per agreement made with the chairman of Committee on Finance of the Board of Aldermen.

By President Pritchard, and adopted—

Resolved, That the President of this Board be directed to make all necessary arrangements for the payment of the interest on city bonds falling due July 1, 1871.

By President Pritchard and adopted—

Resolved, That the salary of J. P. Van Court as tax bill distributor and delivery clerk, be at the rate of three dollars per day for time employed.

By President Pritchard and adopted—

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn for the payment of salaries for all officers and clerks under the control of this Board to July 1, 1871, for the following amounts: Charles H. O'Neill, Mayor, for the month of May and June, \$500; E. A. Carman, \$333 33 for salary as Comptroller from June 1 to July 1, 1871; Josiah Hornblower, \$250, for salary as City Treasurer from June 1 to July 1; Wm. Stevens, \$150 for services as clerk to the Comptroller for the month of June; Alex. D. Hamilton, \$150 for services as



clerk to the City Collector from June 1 to July 1; Robert Hutton, \$133 33 for salary as clerk to the Board of Finance and Taxation and to the Mayor, from June 1 to July 1, 1871; H. S. Lord, \$100 for services as clerk in the collector's office from June 1st to July 1st 1871:

John N. Hoyt, \$100 for services as clerk in the collector's office from June 1st to July 1st, and \$75 for services as clerk in same office from April 1st to 30th, 25 days at \$3 per day; and from May 1st to 3d, \$9; John Creech, for \$100 for services as clerk in the collector's office for the month of June; B. D. Soutle, \$86 67 for services as clerk in the collector's office from June 5th inclusive to July 1st, 1871; A. L. Sears, \$86 67 for services as clerk in the collector's office from June 5th inclusive to July 1, 1871; J. H. Clough, \$100 for services in the collector's office from June 1st to July 1st, 1871; Thomas K. Halstead, \$125 for services as clerk in the city clerk's office from June 1 to July 1, 1871; Nicholas E. Feury \$100 for services as Clerk in the City Clerk's office from June 1 to July 1, 1871; Peter J. Hanley \$58 33 for services as City Hall Messenger and Page to the Board of Finance and Taxation and to the Board of Police Commissioners; Samuel Pearson \$311 10 for services as Assessor for the 1st District from April 20 to July 1st, and W. L. Jones \$155 55 for services as Assistant Assessor 1st District from April 20 to July 1; P. H. Laverly \$311 10 for services as Assessor 2d District from April 20 to July 1st, and W. B. Shackelton \$125 00 for services to Assistant Assessor 2d District from May 4th to July 1st, 1871; Joseph Acton, \$311 10 for services as Assessor for 3d District from April 20 to July 1st, and Samuel Stilsing, \$155 55, for services as Assistant Assessor 3d District from April 20 to July 1; G. P. Robinson, \$311 10, for services as Assessor 4th District from April 20 to July 1st, 1871, and John K. Martin, \$93 33, for services as Assistant Assessor 4th District from May 19

to July 1st, 1871; J. M. Newkirk, \$311 10, for services as Assessor for the 5th District from April 20 to July 1st, and Theodore F. Merseles \$155 55, for services as Assistant Assessor for 5th District from April 20th to July 1st, 1871; A. A. Woodward, \$311.10 for services as Assessor for the 6th District from April 20th to July 1st and Nicholas Werther, \$155 55 for services as Assistant Assessor for the 6th District from April 20 to July 1, 1871; also John P. Van Court, \$42 for services as Distributor of tax bills and Delivery Clerk from May 15 to June 1, and \$75 for the like services from June 1 to July 1, 1871.

A communication received from C. W. Perveil, clerk to the Board of Education, submitting the report of the Finance Committee of that Board, relative to the estimate necessary to be raised by taxation for school purposes during the fiscal year—was on motion of Commissioner Gillett, received and read. The Committee on Taxation and Assessments to whom was referred April 20, 1871, the communication of D. R. Van Kiper, assessor 13 Ward, requesting correction of error in assessment for taxes of 1870, against property of James H. Farrant, on Palisade avenue, respectfully reported that the committee had conferred with the City Attorney, who was of the opinion that this Board cannot grant any relief in the matter, and further, that the error, if any, should have been corrected by the Commissioners of Appeals for 1870.

The committee therefore reported adversely to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

The report was received and the action of the committee confirmed.

By Commissioner Gillett and adopted:

That this Board do now adjourn.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.





Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation at their rooms, City Hall, Friday, June 30, 1871, at 8 o'clock, p. m.

Present—President Pritchard, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Farrier, Gillett and Carnes.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with, and on motion of Mayor O'Neill, the resolution directing the Committee on Finance to deliver four registered bonds of twenty-five thousand dollars each having twenty years to run to Mr. Gœllet upon the surrender of a bond for the like sum having five years to run be stricken out.

The ayes and nays having been called for by Mayor O'Neill, the motion was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Gillett, and Carnes.

Nays—President Pritchard, and Commissioner Farrier.

Commissioner Carnes moved to substitute the Committee on Finance, instead of the President in a resolution authorizing and directing the President to make all necessary arrangements for the payment of the interest on city bonds, July 1, 1871. The motion was adopted.

Commissioner Carnes moved that the minutes as thus corrected, stand approved. The motion was adopted.

Petition of Lister Brothers to remit fine of one hundred and forty dollars for drawing &c. on Sunday, was on motion of Commissioner Gillett referred to the Committee on Finance.

Petition of Chas. Keenan and Hugh Keenan, executors of the estate of D. Keenan, asking a warrant to be drawn in their favor of \$254.44 and interest thereon at the rate of 8 per cent, the said sum having been paid in error, &c., was on motion of Commissioner Gillett referred to Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition of Ebenezer King (received from Board of Public Works) asking the Board to investigate the matter of the assessment for the improvement of Brunswick street amounting on his property to \$46<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, was on motion of Commissioner Gillett referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

A communication from H. K. Thurber, wishing for eleven thousand and (\$11,000) worth of Jersey City 7 per cent. bonds, was on motion of Commissioner Farrier referred to the Committee on Finance.

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Pangborn, Dunning & Dear, \$140 50 for printing; also Pangborn, Dunning & Dear, \$78 80, for advertising; John Kunnell, \$144 32, for two years interest on portion of county bond of Town of Bergen, were received and ordered paid.

The weekly report of the City Treasurer in respect to the balance in banks for the week ending June 30, 1871, was as follows:

First National Bank	\$123 308 14
Hudson County National Bank	127,097 56
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	\$250,405 70

On motion of Commissioner Gillett it was received and ordered on file.

Comptroller's weekly report of appropriations and expenditures was received, and on motion of Commissioner Farrier ordered on file.

Comptroller's report in regard to amount required to pay principal of bonds and interest falling due during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1871, and ending June 30, 1872, was on motion of Commissioner Gillett received and filed.

The estimates of monies required by the different Boards of the city government for the municipal year commencing July 1, 1871, and ending June 30, 1872, were as follows: Board of Public Works, \$456,100; Board of Police Commissioners, \$242,300; Board of Fire Commissioners, \$119,275; Board of Aldermen, \$52,300; were on motion of Commissioner Carnes received and placed on file.

The official bond of Wm. C. White, Pound Keeper, with James M. Newkirk and Chas. John as sureties, was reported on by the Committee on Finance as acceptable.

Mayor O'Neill moved the report of the committee be received and the bond accepted, and ordered filed.

The motion was adopted.

The official bond of Mathew Telfer as Inspector of scales and weights, &c., with John H. Van Derzee and Henry S. Lord as sureties, was reported on by the Committee on Finance as acceptable, and on motion of Mayor O'Neill the report of the committee was received and the bond accepted and ordered filed.

Communication of the Comptroller, submitted to the committee from last meeting, relative to the interest on bonds, &c., falling due during July, was returned to the Board by the committee, who reported it correct.

On motion of Commissioner Farrier the report was received and the communication ordered filed.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of L. W. Post, \$500 for district maps of Jersey City, was on motion of Commissioner Farrier referred to Committee on Printing and Stationery.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

By Commissioner Gillett and adopted—

Resolved, That the banks and insurance companies be allowed to pay taxes of 1870 with interest, at the rate of (7) per cent. on or before July 10, 1871.

By Mayor O'Neill and adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing and Stationery be authorized to purchase the necessary stationery, &c., required for the different offices under the control of this Board.

By Commissioner Farrier and adopted:

Resolved, That every person licensed and appointed by the Board of Aldermen as an auctioneer in and for Jersey City, shall give a bond with two sureties in the penal sum of two thousand five hundred dollars, conditional for the faithful performance of the duties enjoined upon them, as well as for the payment of any moneys collected by them or entrusted to them, by any department or officer of the city government or such persons as may employ them.

By Commissioner Farrer and adopted:

Resolved, That all moneys received by the City Treasurer from license fees, fines, penalties and forfeitures, shall be placed by the Comptroller to the credit of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for the redemption of the city debt.

The following claims having been audited and found correct, Mayor O'Neill offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That warrants be drawn on the City Treasurer and in favor of Pangborn, Dunning & Dear, \$229 30 for printing and advertising; Times Printing Co. \$250 for printing minutes of the different Boards, and John Kenwell \$144 32, for two years interest on portion of county bond of Town of Bergen.

The yeas and nays having been called for by Commissioner Gillett, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Pritchard, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Farrier, Gillett and Carnes.

Nays—None.

Commissioner Gillett moved that when this Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Friday evening, July 14, or two weeks from to-night.

The motion was adopted.

By Mayor O'Neill and adopted—

That this Board do now adjourn.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.



Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation at their rooms, City Hall, Friday, July 14, 1871, at 8 o'clock P. M.

Present—Commissioners Farrier, Gillett and Carnes.

Absent—President Pritchard and Mayor O'Neill.

In the absence of the President the Board was called to order by the Clerk, when on motion of Commissioner Gillett, Commissioner Farrier was appointed President pro tempore.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with, and on motion of Commissioner Gillett they were approved as printed.

Communication from City Clerk requesting cancellation of sale of lots 17 and 18 Jersey avenue, block 289, sold in error for sewerage tax of 1864, was on motion of Commissioner Gillett referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition of Chas. S. Adams to have error corrected in regard to taxes of 1869 and '70, was on motion of Commissioner Gillett referred to the Committee on Claims.

Report of Comptroller for the two weeks ending July 14, 1871, received and ordered filed.

Report of the City Treasurer for two weeks ending July 14, 1871, of the balances in bank as follows, viz.:

Balance—First National Bank,	\$152,127.11
Balance—Hudson Co. National Bank,	24,391.22

Total,	176,518.33
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On motion of Commissioner Gillett the report was received and ordered on file.

Application of John F. Barrow for position as accountant to audit the accounts of the city, was on motion received and laid on the table.

Petition of Fanny M. Callo for cancellation of sale erroneously made for water rents of 1868 and 1869, was on motion of Commissioner Gillett referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Claims of L. W. Post, \$500 for district maps of Jersey City; S. B. Ransom, \$150 for services for preparing and arguing certiorari in Supreme Court vs. The Morris Canal and Banking Company in matter of tax, and S. B. Ransom, \$100 for services in attending examination of witnesses in two certiorari, &c., &c., were on motion received and ordered paid.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred, June 9, 1871, the communication of C. J. Roe, Clerk late Hudson City, submitting a list of books delivered to the City Clerk, report the statement of books found herein satisfactory.

On motion of Commissioner Gillett, the report was received and the statement ordered on file.

Report of the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred petition of A. M. Capen for remission of fine of \$10 for alleged violation of law by creating obstruction in street, presented June 23, 1871 report that the prayer of the petitioner is refused. The report was received and the action of the Committee confirmed.

Report of the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred, June 30, 1871, the proposal of H. K. Thurber for \$11,000 worth of J. C. 7 per cent. bonds, report adversely to the application. The report of the Committee was received and their action confirmed.

Report of the Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to whom was referred, June 30, 1871, the petition of Hugh and Chas. Keenan, executors of the estate of D. Keenan, to have refunded assessment paid in error on lot 654, block 413, respectfully report and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Charles and Hugh Keenan, executors of the estate of D. Keenan, for two hundred and fifty-seven dollars and fifty-eight cents (\$257 58), to refund amount paid for assessment (\$254 44) and interest (\$3 14), due on lot 654, assessment map, in block 413, for Nicolson pavement on West Grand street and Newark Plank Road, the said property belonging to R. C. Walker and not to the estate of D. Keenan.

Resolved, That the City Collector is hereby instructed to collect from R. C. Walker, or owner of lot 654 in block 413 the sum of \$254 44, with interest, for assessment for Nicolson pavement on West Grand street and Newark Plank Road, and that a copy of these resolutions be furnished to the collector.

In connection with these resolutions, Commissioner Gillett added the following claims, that had been audited and found correct by their respective committees, and moved that warrants be drawn for the amounts; S. B. Ransom \$250, and L. W. Post \$500. The ayes and nays having been called for by Commissioner Gillett, the resolutions and the motion were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Commissioners Farrier, Gillett and Carnes.

Nays—None.

Claims of N. Y. Evening Post for advertising for this Board, \$4 95, and the N. Y. Journal of Commerce, \$3 24, were, on motion of Commissioner Gillett, referred to the Committee on Printing and Stationery.

Claim of G. P. Robinson, \$36 10, for registered births, deaths and marriages, was, on motion of Commissioner Gillett, referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Commissioner Farrier and adopted.

Resolved, That the City Collector is hereby directed to report to this Board a full and complete list of all property on which taxes, assessments and water rents were due and unpaid prior to the first day of May, 1871, (except assessments for which five years are allowed for payment) to the end that this Board may order and direct the advertisement and sale of said property, in the manner defined by law.

By Commissioner Farrier and adopted.

Resolved, That the amount to the credit of the Commissioners of the sinking fund, May 1, 1871, be taken from the moneys paid over by the Treasurer, and placed to the credit of said fund with moneys collected since May 1, 1871, and credited to said Commissioners, to constitute a separate deposit, subject to the order of the Commissioners of said fund, and that the amount of moneys be reported at next meeting.

By Commissioner Gillett and adopted.

That the Board do now adjourn.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.





Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation at their rooms, City Hall, Friday, July 21, 1871, at 8 o'clock p. m.

In the absence of the President, the board was called to order by the Clerk.

Present—Commissioners Farrier and Carnes.

Absent—President Pritchard, Mayor O'Neill and Commissioner Gillett.

Less than a quorum being present, on motion of Commissioner Carnes the board adjourned.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.



Special meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation at their rooms, City Hall, Monday, July 24, 1871, at 2 o'clock p. m.

In the absence of the President the Board was called to order by the Clerk.

Present—Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Farrier, Gillett, and Carnes.

Absent—President Pritchard.

The Clerk read the call of the Committee on Finance, and on motion of Mayor O'Neill Commissioner Gillett was appointed President *pro tem*.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill, the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting were dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

Commissioner Carnes stated that this special meeting had been called for the purpose of pro-

viding for the pecuniary necessities of the city and he would therefore offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance is hereby authorized to borrow of the city Depositories a sum not exceeding (\$200,000) two hundred thousand dollars, until the 20th day of December, 1871, in anticipation of taxes to defray current expenses of the city government, and that the Mayor and City Clerk be requested to issue City Bonds for such sum as may be borrowed under the corporate seal.

The resolution was adopted.

By Mayor O'Neill and adopted—That this Board do now adjourn.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.





Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation at their rooms, City Hall, Friday, July 28, 1871, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Pritchard, Commissioners Farrier and Carnes.

Absent—Mayor O'Neill and Commissioner Gillett.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with, and, on motion of Commissioner Farrier, they were approved as printed.

Petition of Henry Brand to have refunded amount paid for sewer in Oak street, confirmed October 3, 1870, to enable him to pay assessment for same purpose, confirmed June 29, 1871; was, on motion of Commissioner Carnes, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

A communication from William Brinkerhoff, Attorney for S. C. Nelson, for a return of water tax, was referred to Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

A petition from John Halliard, President of the State Insurance Company, for rebate of penalty or interest of their tax; was, on motion of Commissioner Carnes, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition of N. G. Vreeland to have refunded amount of assessment paid in error; was, on motion of Commissioner Farrier, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition of S. I. Turner to be appointed a clerk in the Collector's office; was, on motion of Commissioner Farrier, laid on the table.

A petition was received from the Hudson County Publishing Association to have the newspaper, "Watch on the Hudson" (about to be published), designated as an official newspaper.

In connection with this petition, President Pritchard offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the German newspaper, *Watch on the Hudson*, be designated as an official newspaper, to date from August 1, 1871.

The resolution was adopted.

A communication from the City Clerk, submitting a resolution passed by the Board of Aldermen, to strike from their annual estimate, presented to this Board, \$10,000 for removal of ashes and garbage, was, on motion of Commissioner Carnes, received, and their resolution approved.

Claim of G. P. Robinson, \$36.10, for registering births, deaths and marriages; *Journal of Commerce*, \$3.24, for advertising; and *New York Evening Post*, \$1.93, for advertising, having been audited by the committee, and found correct, were, on motion of Commissioner Carnes, ordered paid.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, asking the Clerk for a statement of all moneys expended from April 1 to July 1, 1871, and for what purpose, was, on motion of Commissioner Carnes, received and laid on the table for the present.

A communication from the Comptroller, giving a statement of the bonds and interest falling due in August, 1871, was, on motion of Commissioner Carnes, received and ordered filed.

Report of the Treasurer for the week ending July 28, 1871, was as follows:

Balance in First National Bank.....	\$66,475 28
Balance in Hudson County Nat'l Bank....	33,075 07

Total.....	\$99,550 35
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On motion of Commissioner Carnes it was received and filed.

A request of the Comptroller, that ten bonds of one thousand dollars each, of the late city of Bergen, be canceled, was, on motion, received and filed.

Report of the Comptroller for July 21, 1871, was received and ordered filed.

A communication from G. P. Robinson, Secretary to the Board of Assessors, asking this Board to furnish each Assessor with a copy of the Jersey City Directory, was, on motion of Commissioner Carnes, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments, with power.

Report of the Committee on Finance, to which was referred, June 30, 1871, the petition of Lister Brothers to remit fine of one hundred and forty dollars, etc., was that the prayer of the petitioners be refused, upon the ground that the penalty was imposed in conformity with a legislative enactment. The report of the Committee was received and their action confirmed.

Report of Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to which was referred, July 14, 1871, the communication from the City Clerk, requesting cancellation of sale, &c., respectfully report and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sale made October 4, 1866, for sewerage tax of 1864, to the City Treasurer, of lots 17 and 18 Jersey avenue, in block 289, city map, be canceled of record by the City Clerk, for the reason that said taxes were paid at the office of the Water Commissioners, September 1, 1866.

Report of Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to which was referred, July 14, 1871, the petition of Fanny M. Callo for cancellation of sale of lots 37, 38, block 135, Gilbert's map, made May 4, 1869, for water rents of 1868 on lots 37, 38, 39, 40, block 135, most respectfully report that the lots 37, 38, sold May 4, 1869, is property located by same numbers on the Waldo map, which bears similar numbers to Gilbert's map, and is not the property of Mrs. Callo.

The register of water rents in the office of the City Collector shows the entry of payment of said water rents on the Callo property, but not on lots 37 and 38, Waldo map, which are assessed to Wm. Ward.

Report of the Committee on Taxation and Assessment, to which was referred the petition of Henry Brand to have refunded amount paid for assessment for sewer in Oak street, confirmed October 3, 1870. The assessment having been set aside by the Board of Public Works, and a new assessment made and confirmed July 29, 1871, respectfully report in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioner, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Henry Brand for four hundred and seventy-five dollars and forty-five cents (\$475.45), to refund amount paid by him November 6, 1870, at Water Commissioners' office, for assessment on lots 25, 27, 29, 31 and 33 Oak street, in block No. 2, for sewer in Oak street, and that the receipt for said amount be canceled by the City Clerk and filed in his office.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Times Printing Company, \$250, for publishing minutes of the various boards for month of July; John W. Harrison, \$244.85 for stationery; John H. Lyon, \$141.40, and Wm. C. Bryant, of the *New York Evening Post*, \$98.55, for advertising, were, on motion of Commissioner Carnes, referred to the Committee on Printing and Stationery.

Claims of Wm. A. Sharp, \$12.50; H. Dyke, \$25; J. G. & J. Dodge, \$17.50; John C. Clarke, \$440; Peter A. Eller, \$176; J. H. Lyon, \$11; Times Printing Company, \$6; Pangborn, Dunning & Dear, \$15; Charles Scott, \$32. The above claims having been audited and found correct by the Committee on Celebration of the 4th of July, 1871, and by them referred to this Board for Payment, President Pritchard offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn for the amount of the different bills as reported correct by the Committee on Celebration of 4th of July of the Board of Aldermen for expenses incurred in celebrating the 4th of July, 1871.

The resolution was adopted.

By Commissioner Carnes, and adopted:

Resolved, That the Finance Committee are hereby instructed to transfer to the custody of either of the city depositories all bonds now in the custody of Leonard I. Gordon, by virtue of authority of the late Board of Water Commissioners.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The official bond of Joseph Warren, auctioneer, with William Kelley and Michael Brady sureties, was, on motion of Commissioner Farrier, referred to Committee on Finance.

By Commissioner Farrier, and adopted:

Resolved, That the City Clerk is hereby requested to publish in the corporation papers for the length of time required by law, a list of property still unredeemed, sold by the corporation of the former city of Hudson, October 19, 1869, for unpaid taxes.

By Commissioner Carnes, and adopted:

Resolved, that the Committee on Finance is hereby directed to destroy all bonds, coupon and registered, blank or executed, now in the custody of the City Clerk and Comptroller, printed under authority of the former Boards of Aldermen of any Board of



the former cities of Jersey City, Hudson, and Bergen.

Commissioner Carnes moved, that the Board take a recess; the motion was adopted.

On reassembling, Commissioner Carnes moved that the claims of John H. Gorman for delivering tax bills, and reported adversely by the Committee on Finance, June 16, 1871, be reconsidered; the motion was adopted.

By President Pritchard, and adopted;

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn for the payment of salaries of Mayor, Treasurer, Comptroller, Collector, Assessor and Assistant Assessor, and the clerks and the employees under the control of this Board to the 1st of August, 1871, and for the City Attorney, from April 6th to August 1st, 1871, for the following amounts; Charles H. O'Neill, \$250, salary as Mayor for the month of July; Josiah Hornblower, \$250, salary as Treasurer; E. A. Carman, \$333.33, salary as Comptroller; J. Dixon, Jr., \$949.92, salary as City Attorney, from April 6th to August 1st 1871; Wm. Stevens, \$150, salary as clerk to Comptroller; A. D. Hamilton, \$150, salary as clerk to the Collector; Robert Hutton, \$153.33, salary as clerk to the Mayor, and clerk to the Board of Finance and Taxation; H. S. Lord, \$100, salary as clerk in the Collector's office; John N. Hoyt, \$100, salary as clerk in the Collector's office; John Creech, Jr., \$100, salary as clerk in the Collector's office; J. H. Ceough, \$100, salary as clerk in the Collector's office; B. D. Soule, \$88.34, salary as clerk in the Collector's office; A. L. Sears, \$98.94, salary as clerk in the Collector's office; Thom. K. Halstead, \$125, salary as clerk in the City Clerk's office; Nicholas E. Fewry, \$100, salary as clerk in the City Clerk's office; Peter J. Stanley, \$58.33,

salary as City Hall messenger and page to the Board of Finance and Taxation and to the Board of Police Commissioners; J. P. Van Court, \$93, salary as distributor of tax and assessment notices, all for the month of July; Mr. J. R. Hixon, \$433.33, salary as expert in examining the old accounts of the city from June 8 to August 1, 1871; Mr. F. Carnes, \$236.80, salary as assistant to the examiner from June 19, to August 1, 1871; Mr. R. Y. Chase, \$173.33, salary as assistant to the examiner from July 1 to August 1, 1871. Assessors and Assistant Assessors for the month of July—Samuel Pearson, \$133.33, salary as assessor for the First District; Wm. L. Jones, \$66.66, salary as assistant assessor for the First District; P. H. Lavery, \$133.33, salary as assessor for the Second District; Benj. W. Shackleton, \$66.66, salary as assistant assessor for the Second District; Joseph Acton, \$133.33, salary as assessor for the Third District; Samuel Stilsing, \$66.66, salary as assistant assessor for the Third District; G. P. Robinson, \$133.33, salary as assessor for the Fourth District; John K. Martin, \$66.66, salary as assistant assessor for the Fourth District; J. M. Newkirk, \$133.33, salary as assessor for the Fifth District; Theo. F. Merseles, \$66.66, salary as assistant assessor for the Fifth District; A. A. Woodward, \$133.33, salary as assessor for the Sixth District; Nicholas Werther, \$66.66, salary as assistant assessor for the Sixth District.

Commissioner Carnes moved that when this Board adjourns it adjourn to meet on Monday evening, the 31st inst., at 7 o'clock. The motion was adopted.

By Commissioner Carnes, and adopted—

That this Board do now adjourn.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.





An adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held at their rooms, City Hall, Monday, July 31, 1871, at 7 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Pritchard, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Farrier and Carnes.

Absent—Commissioner Gillett.

The reading of the minutes of last meeting were dispensed with, and, on motion of Commissioner Farrier, they were approved as printed.

The President stated that the object of the meeting was to consider the annual tax levy.

On motion of Commissioner Carnes, the Board proceed to the consideration of the annual tax levy.

President Pritchard offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Board of Finance and Taxation, having considered the estimates and recommendations of the several Boards of the city government, do hereby fix the amount to be raised by tax in Jersey City during the present fiscal year for the various purposes hereinafter mentioned at the aggregate sum of one million one hundred and three thousand four hundred and fifty-six dollars and sixty-five cents (\$1,103,456.65), as follows, viz:

#### FOR THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

1. For support of poor.....	\$15,000 00
2. For coal for poor.....	2,000 00
3. For horse and wagon for Overseer of Poor.....	800 00
4. For legal expenses.....	1,000 00
5. For printing.....	4,500 00
6. For naming and numbering streets.....	2,500 00
7. For contingents.....	2,000 00
8. For rent of armories.....	3,000 00
9. For stationery and supplies.....	4,500 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$35,300 00</b>

#### FOR THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS.

11. Salaries, Stationery, Supplies, and incidentals of Police Department.....	\$186,500 00
11. Hospitals and Dispensaries.....	23,000 00
12. Elections.....	12,000 00
13. Health.....	7,600 00
11. Police Justices.....	6,200 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$235,300 00</b>

#### FOR THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS.

13. Salaries of Fire Department.....	\$33,825 00
16. Horse Shoeing.....	1,500 00
17. Repairs on Apparatus.....	5,000 00
13. Repairs on Harness.....	350 00
19. Horse Feed.....	8,000 00
21. Gas.....	2,500 00
21. Coal and Wood.....	2,000 00
22. New Apparatus.....	2,000 00
21. Horses.....	900 00
21. Stationery and Printing.....	500 00
25. Repairs on Hose.....	500 00
26. Telegraph and Supplies.....	800 00
27. Supplies to Companies.....	2,500 00
23. Contingents.....	3,500 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$113,875 00</b>

#### FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

29. Salaries of superintendents, teachers and janitors.....	\$156,000 00
30. Evening school.....	10,000 00
31. Books and Stationery.....	10,000 00
32. Printing and Incidentals.....	4,000 00
33. Music and music teachers.....	3,700 00
31. Normal school.....	2,200 00
35. Janitors' supplies.....	1,500 00
36. Fuel and Gas.....	4,000 00
37. Rentals.....	3,000 00

**Total.....\$194,400 00**

#### FOR THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.

38. Streets and sewers, and removing garbage.....	90,000 00
39. Pumping and reservoirs.....	81,000 00
40. Extensions and distributions.....	10,000 00
41. Water rate and assessments.....	35,000 00
42. Public grounds and buildings.....	25,000 00
43. Printing and Stationery.....	5,000 00
41. Railroads, wharves, piers and bridges.....	1,000 00
45. Lamps and Lights.....	165,000 00

**Total.....\$412,000 00**

#### FOR THE BOARD OF FINANCE AND TAXATION.

46. Payment interest.....	\$465,286 65
47. Salaries.....	51,795 00
48. Fourth of July celebration.....	3,500 00
49. Printing and Stationery.....	20,000 00
50. Contingents.....	15,000 00

**Total.....\$555,581 65**

#### RECAPITULATION.

Board of Aldermen.....	\$35,300 00
" Police Commissioners.....	235,300 00
" Fire.....	113,875 00
" Education.....	194,400 00
" Public Works.....	412,000 00
" Finance and Taxation.....	555,581 65

**Total.....\$1,546,456 65**

Deduct for water rates..... 325,000 00

" " use of dock..... 4,000 00

" " school fund from State..... 114,000 00

**Total.....\$443,000 00**

Total amount to be raised for city purposes.....\$1,103,456 65

The amount to be raised this year in this County for State, County and School purposes are as follows, viz:

For State.....	\$51,863 18
For County.....	253,261 70
For Public Schools.....	103,736 26

**Total for Jersey City.....\$408,861 14**

The Board proceeded to consider the resolution and amounts named therein.

#### TO BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The amount for support of the poor, \$15,000, instead of \$20,000, the original estimate, was adopted by the following vote—the ayes and nays having been called for by the President:

Yeas—President Pritchard, Commissioners Farrier and Carnes.

Nays—Mayor O'Neill.

The amount for printing, 4,500, instead of \$5,000, original estimate, was adopted by the following vote—the ayes and nays having been called for by the President:

Yeas—President Pritchard, Commissioners Farrier and Carnes.

Nays—Mayor O'Neill.

The amount for naming and numbering streets, \$2,500, instead of \$3,500, original estimate, was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Pritchard, Commissioners Farrier and Carnes.

Nays—Mayor O'Neill.

The amount for stationery and supplies, \$4,500, instead of \$5,000, original estimate, was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Pritchard, Commissioners Farrier and Carnes.

Nays—Mayor O'Neill.

Commissioner Farrier moved to strike out from the estimate \$10,000 for removing ashes and garbage.

The yeas and nays having been called for by President Pritchard, the motion was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Pritchard, Commissioners Farrier and Carnes.

Nays—Mayor O'Neill.

#### THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS.

The amount for salaries, stationery, supplies and incidentals for the Police Department, \$186,500, instead of \$190,000, original estimate, was adopted by the following vote—the yeas and nays having been called for by the President:

Yeas—President Pritchard, Commissioners Farrier and Carnes.

Nays—Mayor O'Neill.

The amount for hospitals and dispensaries, \$23,000, instead of \$26,500, original estimate, was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Pritchard, Commissioners Farrier and Carnes.

Nays—Mayor O'Neill.

#### THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS.

Commissioner Carnes moved that the amount to bell ringers, \$5,400, be stricken from the estimate. The yeas and nays having been called for by the President, the motion was adopted by the following vote:



Yeas—President Pritchard, Commissioners Farrier and Carnes.  
Nays—Mayor O'Neill.

#### THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The amount of salaries \$156,000 instead of \$160,000, original estimate, was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been called for by the President:

Yeas—President Pritchard, Commissioners Farrier and Carnes.

Nays—Mayor O'Neill.

Commissioner Farrier moved to strike out of the estimate \$12,000 for furniture.

The yeas and nays having been called for by the President, it was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Pritchard, Commissioners Farrier and Carnes.

Nays—Mayor O'Neill.

#### THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Commissioner Farrier moved that to "streets and sewers" be added "removing ashes and garbage," and that the amount be made \$90,000 instead of \$88,000, as in the original.

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been called for by the President.

Yeas—President Pritchard, Commissioners Farrier and Carnes.

Nays—Mayor O'Neill.

The amount for pumping and reservoir \$81,000 instead of \$92,000, original estimate, was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Pritchard, Commissioners Farrier and Carnes.

Nays—Mayor O'Neill.

The amount for water rates and assessments \$35,000 instead of \$50,000, as in the original estimate, was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Pritchard, Commissioners Farrier and Carnes.

Nays—Mayor O'Neill.

The amount for lamps and lights \$165,000 instead of \$185,000, original estimate, was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Pritchard, Commissioners Farrier and Carnes.

Nays—Mayor O'Neill.

Commissioner Carnes moved that the Assessors be instructed to provide for County, State, and School purposes. The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been called for by the President:

Yeas—President Pritchard, Commissioners Farrier and Carnes.

Nays—Mayor O'Neill.

Commissioner Carnes moved that the resolution, as amended, fixing the tax levy, do now pass.

The yeas and nays having been called for by President Pritchard, the motion was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Pritchard, Commissioners Farrier and Carnes.

Nays—Mayor O'Neill.

By Commissioner Farrier, and adopted.

That this Board do now adjourn.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.



Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, at their rooms, City Hall, Friday, August 4, 1871, at 8 o'clock, p. m.

Present—President Pritchard and Commissioner Gillett.

Absent—Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Farrier and Carnes.

Less than a quorum being present. President Pritchard adjourned the meeting until Saturday, August 5, 1871, at 9 o'clock, a. m.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.





An adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, at their rooms, City Hall, Saturday, August 5, at 9 o'clock, a. m.

Present—President Pritchard, Commissioners Gillett and Carnes.

Absent—Mayor O'Neill, and Commissioner Farrier.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with, and on motion of Commissioner Gillett they were approved as printed.

Petition of Joseph Shullian to have amount of \$22.06 refunded, as that assessment was set aside by the Board of Public Works, and a new one made, amounting to \$30.07, against his lot, was, on motion of Commissioner Gillett, referred to Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Claims of Times Printing Co. \$250 for publishing the minutes of the various Boards for the month of July; New York Evening Post, \$98.55 for advertising; John W. Harrison, \$244.85 for stationery, &c.; John H. Lyon, \$141.40 for printing, having been audited, were received.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The Committee on Claims to whom was referred July 14, 1871, the petition of Charles S. Adams to have cancellation of Water Taxes in arrears on lot 74 in block 140, &c., reported adversely to granting the prayer of the petitioner. On motion of Commissioner Gillett it was received and the report of the Committee confirmed.

Commissioner Gillett asked to be excused on account of business, and withdrew.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Samuel Pierson, \$43.85, for registering births.

On motion of Commissioner Gillett it was received, and the report of the Committee confirmed.

Commissioner Gillett asked to be excused on account of business, and withdrew.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Samuel Pearson, \$43.85, for registering births, marriages and deaths, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following claims having been audited and found correct, Commissioner Carnes offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That warrants be drawn on the city treasury in favor of the Times Printing Company for \$250, for publishing the minutes of the different meetings for the month of July; New York Evening Post, \$98.55, for advertising; John W. Harrison, \$244.85, for stationery, &c.; John H. Lyon, \$141.40, for printing.

The resolution was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to which was referred the petition of the State Insurance Company to have rebate of interest on taxes for 1869 and 1870, reported adverse to granting the prayer of the petitioners.

On motion of Commissioner Carnes the report was received and the action of the Committee confirmed.

The report of the Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to which was referred the petition of N. G. Vreeland, to have refunded moneys paid in error for water rents, recommended the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer, in favor of N. G. Vreeland, for fifteen dollars, to refund amount paid for water rents of 1871 and 1872, on plot 100x100, Vreeland street, block 510, the said property not being liable to water tax, by reason of there being no water pipe on street fronting the same.

On motion of Commissioner Farrier the report was received and the resolution adopted.

Report of the Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to which was referred the petition of S. C. Nelson to have refunded moneys paid in error for water rents, reported in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioner, and recommended the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Samuel C. Nelson for fifty-two dollars and fifty cents, to refund amount paid for water rents, from August 1, 1870, to May 1, 1871, on property in block 230, no water pipe being in the street at the making of the assessment.

On motion of Commissioner Carnes the report was received and the resolution adopted.

Commissioner Carnes moved that the advertisements in the New York Journal of Commerce, New York Evening Post, New York Daily Times, and the Jersey City official papers, in regard to the payment of improvement certificates and bonds, be discontinued.

His motion was adopted.

By President Pritchard and adopted—

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance is hereby authorized to borrow of the city depository such sums as may be required, from time to time, to pay current expenses, in anticipation of taxes, and that the Mayor and City Clerk be requested to sign the necessary bonds, said bonds not to extend beyond the 20th day of December, 1871.

By Commissioner Carnes and adopted—

That this Board do now adjourn.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.



Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation at their rooms, City Hall, August 11th 1871, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Pritchard, Commissioners Gillett and Carnes.

Absent—Mayor O'Neill and Commissioner Farrier.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with, and, on motion of Commissioner Gillett, they were approved as printed.

Petition of Wm. H. Cook, for repayment of assessment paid in error, was, on motion of Commissioner Carnes, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition of C. Bergman, to have cancelled the assessment on lots No. 14, 15 and 16, block 634, and that the amount originally paid by her on lots No. 1, and 18, be transferred to lots 14 and 15, was, on motion of Commissioner Carnes, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition of D. Van Winkle, Henry Fitch and Isaac Taylor, Committee of the Consistory of the Dutch Reformed Church of Bergen, to have grave-yards of said church on Bergen avenue and Vroom street exempted from the payment of water rents, was, on motion of Commissioner Carnes, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition of Mary Stock, to have amount of assessment refunded so that she may pay the assessment confirmed by the Board of Public

Works July 7, 1871, was, on motion of Commissioner Carnes, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Claims of Journal of Commerce, \$49 56, for advertising; James M. Newkirk, \$21 75 for registering marriages, births and deaths in Fifth Aldermanic district; New York Times \$120 20 for advertising, and Pangborn, Dunning & Dear, \$205 50 for printing, were referred in the following order: First, third and fourth to the Committee on Printing and Stationery, and the second to the Committee on Claims.

By President Pritchard and adopted—

Resolved, That the motion made May 26, authorizing the clerk to advertise in the official papers of this city, and in the New York Evening Post and other New York papers, that all improvement certificates and bonds of Jersey City will be paid on presentation to the comptroller's office, Jersey City, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

The check, &c., of J. P. Newkirk was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Commissioner Gillett moved that when this Board shall adjourn, it shall adjourn to meet on Friday evening, two weeks from to-night, or August 25, 1871.

The motion was adopted.

By Commissioner Carnes and adopted—

That this Board do now adjourn.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.





Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, at their rooms, City Hall, Friday, August 25th, 1871, at 8 o'clock, p. m.

Present—President Pritchard, Commissioners Gillett and Carnes.

Absent—Mayor O'Neill and Commissioner Farrier.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with, and on motion of Commissioner Gillett they were approved as printed.

Petition of Japhet Jardine, to have re-itted the sum of \$97 10, paid in error for water taxes since 1866, was, on motion of Commissioner Gillett, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

A communication from Chas. S. Adams, submitting a receipt signed by John J. Gaffney, for \$92 10, and claiming that the water tax on lot 73 has been paid twice, was, on motion of Commissioner Gillett, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

A communication from E. Evans, stating that he had addressed a letter to the Water Commissioners, and inclosing a bill for water tax on his property for 1870 of \$43 59, which included a charge for Cherry street, through which no water pipe was ever laid and for which no tax should be levied, was, on motion of Commissioner Carnes, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

A communication from Mrs. Mellick to have portion of assessment remitted for lot corner of Bergen avenue and Wiley Place, was received, and on motion of Commissioner Carnes laid on the table.

Claims of the New York Times \$102 20, for advertising; Journal of Commerce \$44 60, for advertising; and Pangborn, Dunning & Dear, \$205 70 for printing, were referred by the President to the residue of the Committee on Printing and Stationery.

Commissioner Carnes reported on the part of the Finance Committee that they had borrowed two hundred thousand dollars in anticipation of taxes.

Commissioner Gillett moved that the report of the Committee be received and their action confirmed.

The motion was adopted.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claims of Joseph Acton \$30 65, for registering births, marriages and deaths, and George J. Langworthy, constable, for serving forty-eight summonses \$28 80, were, on motion of Commissioner Carnes, referred to the Committee on Claims.

Claim of Leonard J. Gordon \$1,043 33, for services rendered under resolution of the Board of Finance, April 6, 1871, and submitting a communication to John H. Carnes, Esq., Chairman, Committee on Finance in answer to a communication from Commissioner Carnes requesting him to deliver the bonds still in his possession was, on motion of Commissioner Carnes, referred to the Committee on Claims.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Commissioner Carnes stated that some of the Assessors had talked to him about the Directories and necessity of having them, in order to refer to gentlemen who had large bank stock, &c., and

to get the sense of the meeting in providing them with these directories, in the absence of the Chairman of the Committee on Taxation and Assessments. Com. Gillett moved that Commissioner Carnes have the authority to furnish to the Assessors the directories, spoken of in the absence of the Chairman of the Committee.

The motion was adopted.

By President Pritchard and adopted—

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn in payment of salaries of Mayor, Comptroller, City Treasurer, and the clerks and the employees of this Board to September 1st, 1871, for the following amounts:

Charles H. O'Neill, \$250, salary as Mayor for the month of August; Ezra A. Carman, \$333 33, salary as Comptroller; Josiah Hornblower, \$250, salary as City Treasurer; Jonathan Dixon, Jr., \$250, salary as City Attorney; Wm. Stevens, \$150, salary as clerk to the Comptroller; A. D. Hamilton, \$150, salary as clerk to the City Collector; Robert Hutton, \$133 33, salary as clerk to the Board of Finance and Taxation, as well as clerk to the Mayor; H. S. Lord, \$100, as salary as clerk in the Collector's office; Jno N. Hoyt \$100 as clerk in the Collector's office; John Creech, Jr., \$100, salary as clerk in the Collector's office; J. H. Clough, \$100, salary as clerk in the Collector's office; B. D. Soule, \$100, salary as clerk in the Collector's office; and A. L. Sears, \$100, salary as clerk in the Collector's office; Thomas K. Halstead, \$125, salary as clerk in the City Clerk's office; and Nicholas E. Feury, \$100, as clerk in the City Clerk's office; Peter J. Haaley, \$58 33, salary as City Hall Messenger and page to the Board of finance and Taxation as well as to the Board of Police Commissioners; J. P. Van Court \$93, salary as distributor of Tax and Assessment bills; J. R. Hixon \$250, salary as expert in examining the old accounts of the city, F. Barnes \$173 33, salary as Assistant to the examiner, P. Y. Chase \$173 33, salary as Assistant to the examiner, all for the month of August 1871 and the Assessors and assistant Assessors for the month of August as follows: Samuel Pearson \$133 33 salary as Assessor for the First District; Wm. L. Jones \$66 66, salary as Assistant Assessor for the First District; P. H. Laverty \$136 33, salary as Assessor for the Second District; Benj. W. Shackleton \$66 63, salary as assistant Assessor for the Second District; Joseph Acton, \$133 33, salary as Assessor for the Third District; Samuel Stillings \$66 66, salary as Assistant Assessor for the Third District; G. P. Robinson \$133 33, salary as Assessor for the Fourth District; John K. Martin \$66 66, salary as Assistant Assessor for the Fourth District; J. M. Newkirk \$133 33, salary as Assessor for the Fifth District; Theo. F. Merceles \$66 66, salary as Assistant Assessor for the Fifth District; A. A. Woodward, \$133 33, salary as Assessor for the Sixth District; Nicholas Werther \$66 66, salary as Assistant Assessor for the Sixth District.

Commissioner Gillett moved that when this Board shall adjourn it shall adjourn to meet two weeks from to-night, or September 8, 1871. The motion was adopted.

By Commissioner Carnes and adopted. That this Board do now adjourn.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.



Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, at their rooms, City Hall, Friday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, 1871, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

In the absence of the President, the Board was called to order by the Clerk.

Present—Commissioners Farrier, Gillett and Carnes.

Absent—President Pritchard and Mayor O'Neill.

On motion of Commissioner Gillett, Commissioner Carnes was appointed President pro tempore.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with, and on motion of Commissioner Gillett, the same were approved as printed.

#### PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Michael Van Winkle, for abatement of assessment of \$32.01, was on motion of Commissioner Gillett, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition of Chas. N. Betts, to correct a assessment on his property on Palisade avenue, was on motion of Commissioner Gillett, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessment.

A communication from the Clerk of the Board of Public Works, enclosing a claim of City Collector, for assessment due on sewerage &c., was on motion of Commissioner Gillett, referred to Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Remonstrance and petition of Edward Coles, to remit assessment on his lots, unlawfully made, according to the then existing charter of the city for 1869, was on motion of Commissioner Gillett, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition of David C. Joyce, for correction of error in assessment for taxes of 1870, on lot 56, Bergen Point Plank Road, block C, 63, was on motion of Commissioner Gillett referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments. Petition of David C. Joyce to have refunded \$305.72 paid for sewer in 1st drainage, Bergen district, and for which he is not assessed in revised assessment, was on motion of Commissioner Gillett referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

The claims of Samuel Pearson \$43.85 for registering births, marriages and deaths; and Times Printing company, \$250 for publishing the minutes for the several Boards for the month of August; James M. Newkirk \$21.75 for registering births, deaths, and marriages, having been audited by their respective committees and found correct, Commissioner Gillett offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That \$43.85 be paid to Samuel Pearson for registering births, marriages and deaths and \$250 to the Times Printing Company for publishing the minutes for the several Boards for the month of August, and that warrants for those amounts be drawn on the City Treasurer; also \$21.75 for James M. Newkirk, for registering births, marriages and deaths.

The resolution was adopted.

#### REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS.

Report of the City Collector notifying the Board that he is ready to submit a list of all real estate, upon which taxes and water rents heretofore levied in former cities of Jersey City, Hudson City and Bergen, &c., were due in accordance with resolution of this Board passed July 14, 1871, was on motion of Commissioner Gillett received and filed.

The City Treasurer reports a balance in the banks for the week ending September 8, 1871.

Balance First National Bank.....	\$92,927 05
" Hudson County National Bank.....	53,896 17

Total ..... \$146,823 22

On motion of Commissioner Farrier the report was received and ordered filed.

Report of the Comptroller to September 1, 1871, was on motion of Commissioner Gillett received and ordered on file.

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the claim of Dr. Lutkins, on account of an error of assessment, report the claim of the Doctor correct and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Dr. Lutkins for ten dollars (\$10.00), the same being an excess or error in Assessment.

Report of Committee on Taxation and Assessments on petition of Joseph Schullian, C. Bergman and Joseph Stock, to have refunded moneys paid for sewer assessments; also submitting an opinion of the City Attorney, and would therefore respectfully report that deeming this matter very important and likely to a same vast proportions by reason of the extent of territory covered by this and similar assessments made, set aside and reconfirmed in the same manner, your committee have obtained from the City Attorney his written opinion (which is hereto annexed) setting forth that by the 1st section of the city charter a first assessment, though illegally made, is set aside, not wholly, but only so far as the same remains uncollected, and a second assessment is authorized only to the same extent—this provision of the charter being in recognition of the principle on which the Supreme Court of the State rendered a decision, as appears in said opinion, that where an assessment has been illegally levied, and the owner has acquiesced in it, and paid the assessment, and the city has accepted it, that proceeding is final and concludes both parties.

Your committee would therefore report adversely to granting the prayer of the petitioners, and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Collector of Taxes and Assessments be instructed to refrain from the collection of assessments, confirmed by the Board of Public Works for the construction of sewers, levied against property for which an assessment has been already confirmed by the former Board of Water Commissioners, and paid by the owner and payment accepted by the city.

Resolved, That the Board of Public Works be directed to order the cancellation of all assessments confirmed by said Board, for construction of sewers and against property for which an assessment for a like purpose has been heretofore confirmed by the Board of Water Commissioners, and paid by the owner or owners.

Resolved, That the assessment for main sewer in First Drainage District, confirmed by Board of Public Works, July 7, 1871, against lot 5, in block 663, Joseph Schullian; lot 23, in block 664, Joseph Stock; and lot 16, in block 634, Chris. Bergman, be cancelled of record by the Collector; and the assessment for same purpose against lots 17 and 18, block 634, paid Nov. 5, 1870, be charged against lots 14 and 15, block 634; and the new assessment against said lots 14 and 15, for same purpose, be cancelled of record by the Collector.

On motion of Commissioner Gillett the report of the committee was received and the resolutions adopted.

The Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to which was referred, May 11, 1871, the petition of Martha E. Clarke for cancellation of sale of her property, made by the former city of Hudson for unpaid water rents of 1867, respectfully report that your committee have devoted much time and attention to this matter and believe that the assessment for water rents against the property of Mrs. Clark is unjust and illegal, and the sale therefore should be cancelled of record, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sale made by the former city of Hudson, May 26, 1868, for water rents of 1867 and '68, of lot 20, Hoboken avenue, in block 124, assessed to Mrs. Clark, be cancelled of record by the City Clerk, for the reason that said water rents were erroneously assessed; and that a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in





favor of David M. Demarest, the purchaser, for the purchase money (\$14 45) paid by him, with interest thereon at the rate of fifteen per cent. per annum, and be delivered to him on his surrendering to the City Clerk for cancellation the declaration of sale of said lot.

Commissioner Gillett moved the report of the Committee be received and the resolution adopted.

The motion was adopted.

The Committee on Taxation and Assessments to which was referred the petition of E. Van Winkle, Henry Fitch, and Isaac L. Taylor, on the part of the Reformed Dutch Church for exemption of water rents, recommend this petition to be referred to the Board of Public Works.

On motion of Commissioner Farrier the report of the Committee was received and their action confirmed.

The Committee on Taxation and Assessments to whom was referred August 11, 1871, the petition of W. H. Cook for correction of error in assessment on his property for improvement of Franklin street, from Monticello avenue to Newark Plank Road, respectfully report that said assessment was confirmed September 9, 1870, and that prior to said time an opportunity was given in compliance with the charter, to present a remonstrance which Cook failed to do.

Your Committee believe that no legal right now exists to warrant your Honorable Body in granting the prayer of the petitioner, and therefore present an adverse report.

On motion of Commissioner Gillett the report of the Committee was received and their action confirmed.

The Committee on Taxation and Assessments to which was referred August 25, 1871, the petition of Japhet Jardine to have refunded the sum of \$97 10, water rents and sewerage taxes paid by him on part of lots Nos. 6 and 8 Montgomery street, in block 136, &c., respectfully report and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Japhet Jardine for eighty-seven dollars and fifty cents (\$87 50) to refund water rents from May 1, 1866, to May 1, 1871, paid on parts of lots Nos. 6 and 8 Montgomery street, in block 136, there being no water pipe laid in said part of Montgomery street.

On motion of Commissioner Farrier, the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted.

The committee on claims, to which was referred June 9 1871, a claim on settlement of balance of claims of late of Board Water Commissioners and a communication from J. R. Hixson to Commissioner G. H. Farrier, stating the claim to be correct, and has been settled (by order chairman of Finance Committee of Board

of Finance and Taxation, &c.) report that said matter has been settled as will appear by the communication above stated and asking to be discharged from its further consideration.

On motion of Commissioner Farrier, the report of the committee was received and action confirmed.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claims of J. H. Lyon, \$1,000 for publishing minutes to Sept. 1, 1871; J. H. Lyon, \$64 90 for printing; Pangborn, Dunning and Dear, \$109 29 for printing; were, on motion of Commissioner Farrier, referred to the Committee on Printing and Stationery.

Claim of A. A. Woodward, \$13 90 for registering births, marriages and deaths, was, on motion, referred by President Carnes to the Committee on claims.

The claim of Joseph Acton, \$30 65 for registering marriages, births and deaths, was referred back to be certified to by the city clerk; claim of Geo. J. Langworthy, constable, for serving summons, \$28 80, was, on motion of Commissioner Gillett, referred to the Committee on Claims.

By Commissioner Farrier, and adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing and Stationery are hereby authorized to purchase a burglar-proof safe for use in Collector's office.

By Commissioner Gillett and adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be and are hereby authorized to advertise for the sale of \$500,000 twenty-year bonds at not less than par and accrued interest.

By Commissioner Farrier, and adopted:

Resolved, That the City Clerk is hereby authorized to procure books in which to transcribe uncanceled sales for taxes and assessments in the former cities of Jersey City, Hudson and Bergen, and also for the entry of sales that may hereafter be made, the said books to be procured under the direction of the Committee on Printing and Stationery of this Board.

The official bond of Dwight B. King as constable was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Commissioner Farrier, and adopted:

Resolved, That the City Clerk is hereby requested to publish in the official papers for the length of time required by law, a list of property still unredeemed, sold by the former City of Hudson December 19, 1869, for unpaid taxes and assessments.

Commissioner Gillett moved, that when this Board shall adjourn it shall adjourn to meet two weeks from to night, or September 23, 1871.

By Commissioner Farrier and adopted, that this Board do now adjourn.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.





Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation at their rooms in City Hall, Friday Sept. 22, 1871, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—Mayor O'Neil and Commissioner Gillette.

Absent—President Pritchard, Commissioners Fairier and Carnes.

Less than a quorum being present the meeting was adjourned until Tuesday, Sept. 26, at 2 o'clock p.m.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.



An adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, at their rooms, City Hall, Tuesday, September 26, 1871, at two o'clock, p. m.

Present—President Pritchard, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Farrier, Gillett and Carnes.

Absent—None.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with, and, on motion of Commissioner Gillett, they were approved as printed.

#### PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Joseph Hurlly to correct a wrong assessment, as stated by him, on his lots, for building of a main sewer, &c., was, on motion of Commissioner Gillett, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Communication of City Treasurer, stating that Edward Brehm had paid \$20.47 for redemption of lots Nos. 10 and 13, and submitting a statement by D. M. Demerest and C. J. Roe, late Clerk of Hudson City, was, on motion of Commissioner Gillett, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Communication from William H. Cook, requesting a reconsideration of the action of the Committee on Taxation and Assessments, in regard to his petition for repayment to him, on account of error, was, on motion of Commissioner Gillett, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Communication from J. Dixon, Jr., City Attorney, in regard to the disposal of the eighty-six bonus coupons received by the city from Mr. L. J. Gordon, was, on motion of Commissioner Carnes, received and filed, and his suggestions adopted.

The City Clerk's report of the publication of notice of the expiration on the seventh day of September 1871, of the time allowed by law for the redemption of lands sold by the former city of Hudson September 7, 1869, for unpaid taxes of 1868, and of September 7, 1869, for unpaid assessments, was on motion of Mayor O'Neill referred to the Committee on Finance, who were authorized to take the necessary steps to advertise the property for sale.

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

Claims of A. A. Woodward \$13.90, for registering births, deaths and marriages; Joseph Acton \$30.65, for registering births, deaths and marriages; George I. Largworthy \$28.80, for serving summons; and John H. Lyon \$1000, for publishing the minutes to September 1st, 1871, of the several boards, having been audited and found correct Commissioner Pritchard offered the following resolution.

Resolved, that warrants be ordered drawn in favor of John H. Lyon, \$1000 for publishing the minutes of the several boards to Sept. 1, 1871; A. A. Woodward \$13.90, for registering births, deaths and marriages; Joseph Acton \$30.65, for registering births, deaths and marriages; George I. Largworthy \$28.80, for serving summons.

The resolution was adopted.

#### REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS.

Comptrollers Report for the week ending Sept. 22, 1871, was on motion of Commissioner Gillett ordered read. Treasurer's reports balance in Banks for week ending Friday Sept. 22, 1871, as follows:

Balance in First National Bank, General Account.....	\$102,732.95
Balance in First National Bank, Sinking Fund.....	25,856.66
Balance in Hud-on County National Bank, General Account.....	44,946.91

Total..... \$173,536.54  
On motion of Commissioner Farrier the report was received and ordered on file.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claims of Evening Post for advertising proposals, \$30.80; Hudson County German Publishing Company, \$250, for printing the minutes of the several boards from August 1, 1871, to September 1, 1871, was on motion of Commissioner Gillett referred to the Committee on Printing and Stationery.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mayor O'Neill, and adopted:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be requested to furnish, at his earliest convenience, a detailed statement of receipts and expenditures from May 1, 1871, to October 1, 1871.

By Commissioner Farrier, and adopted:

Resolved, That all lands and tenements assessed for taxes, water rents, and assessments for the years 1865, 1866, 1867, 1868, 1869 and 1870, on which such taxes, water rates and assessments have not been paid, be sold in the manner provided in the city charter, under the direction of the Committee on Taxation and Assessments of this Board, on the sixth day of December next, at one o'clock in the afternoon, and that said Committee do first cause said sale to be duly advertised according to law, and provided that if the taxes, water rates and assessments against any property advertised for sale be paid before the sale thereof, together with all penalties, interest and expenses therefor, such property shall not be sold.

Proposals for Jersey City 7 per cent. 20-year bonds:

Proposal of Josiah L. Hale for seven bonds of one thousand dollars each at 100,  $\frac{1}{4}$  per cent. premium.

Proposal of the Fifth Ward Savings Bank for thirty-five thousand five hundred (\$35,500), at par and accrued interest.

Proposal of the First National Bank of Jersey City for the whole loan at par and accrued interest.

Proposal of H. Amy & Co., bankers, for \$200,000 at par and interest, \$100,000 at par, interest at  $\frac{1}{4}$  one per cent. premium, \$100,000 at par, interest and  $\frac{1}{2}$  of one per cent. premium, \$100,000 at par, interest and  $\frac{3}{4}$  of one per cent. premium, or the whole \$500,000 at par, interest and  $\frac{1}{2}$  of one per cent. premium.

Commissioner Carnes moved that the proposal of H. Amy be accepted; Commissioner Gillett amended the motion by laying the whole matter on the table.

The amendment was adopted.

A communication from H. Amy was here received stating that the said had not been advised of the acceptance of their proposal, and considered the same withdrawn. On motion of Mayor O'Neill the communication was received and ordered on file.

Communication from Keeney and Halladay requesting a correction of an error in the assessment for paving Communipaw avenue between the Morris Canal Bridge and the Bay shore, was on motion of Commissioner Gillett received and referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

By President Pritchard and adopted.

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn in payment of salary of Mayor, Treasurer, Comptroller, City Attorney and the Clerks under the control of this Board to Oct. 1st, 1871, for the following amounts:

Charles H. O'Neill, \$250, salary as Mayor; Ezra A. Carman, \$33.33, salary as Comptroller; Josiah Hornblower, \$200, salary as City Treasurer; Jonathan Dixon, Jr., \$250, salary as City Attorney; Wm. Steveson, \$150, salary as clerk to the Comptroller; A. D. Hamilton, \$100, salary as clerk to the City Collector; Robert Hutton, \$133.33, salary as clerk to the Board of Finance and Taxation, as well as clerk to the Mayor; H. S. Lord, \$100, as salary as clerk in the Collector's office; John N. Hoyt, \$100, as clerk in the Collector's office; John Crech, Jr., \$100, salary as clerk in the Collector's office; J. H. Clough, \$100, salary as clerk in the Collector's office; B. D. Soule, \$51.34—6 days—salary as clerk in the Collector's office; and A. L. Sears, \$100, salary as clerk in the Collector's office; Thomas K. Halstead, \$125, salary as clerk in the City Clerk's office; and Nichol S. E. Feury, \$100, as clerk in the City Clerk's office; Peter J. Hanley, \$58.33, salary as City Haul messenger and page to the Board of Finance and Taxation as well as to the Board of Police Commissioners; J. P. Van Court, \$51, salary as distributor of Tax and Assessment bills; J. R. Hixon, \$250, salary as expert





in examining the old accounts of the city; F. Carues, \$173 33, salary as Assistant to the examiner, P. Y. Chase \$173 33, salary as Assistant to the examiner, and the Assessors and Assistant Assessors for the month Sept., 1871, as follows: Samuel Pearson \$135 33 salary as Assessor for the First District; Wm. L. Jones \$66 66, salary as Assistant Assessor for the First District; P. H. Lavery \$133 33, salary as Assessor for the Second District; Benj. W. Shackelton \$63 66, salary as Assistant Assessor for the Second District; Joseph Acton, \$133 33, salary as Assessor for the Third District; Samuel Stillsing \$66 66, salary as Assistant Assessor for the Third District; G. P. Robinson \$133 33, salary as Assessor for the Fourth District; John K. Martin \$66 66,

salary as Assistant Assessor for the Fourth District; J. M. Newkirk \$133 33, salary as Assessor for the Fifth District; Theo. F. Merseles \$66 66, salary as Assistant Assessor for the Fifth District; A. A. Woodward, \$133 33, salary as Assessor for the Sixth District; Nicholas Werther \$66 66, salary as Assistant Assessor for the Sixth District.

Commissioner Carues moved that when this Board shall adjourn it shall adjourn to meet on Friday, September 29, 1871, at two o'clock p. m.

The motion was adopted.

By Mayor O'Neill and adopted—

That this Board do now adjourn.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.



Adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, at their rooms, City Hall, Friday, September 29, 1871, at two o'clock, p. m.

Present—President Pritchard, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Farrier, Gillett and Carnes.

Absent—None.

The reading of the minutes was dispensed with, and on motion of Mayor O'Neill they were approved as printed.

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Hudson County German Printing Company for \$250 was by the Committee found correct, and Commissioner Gillett offered the following resolution:

Resolved, that a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer, in favor of the Hudson County German Printing Company, for (\$250) two hundred and fifty dollars, for printing the minutes of the several Boards of the City Government from August 1, 1871, to September 1, 1871.

The resolution was adopted.

#### REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS.

Treasurer reports the balance in the Banks for the week ending Friday Sept. 29, 1871, as follows:

Balance in First National Bank, general account.....	\$153,067 97
Balance in First National Bank, sinking fund account.....	25,481 66
Hudson County National Bank, general account.....	57,099 50

Total.....\$235,649 13

Commissioner Farrier moved that the report be received and placed on file.

The motion was adopted.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claims of Times Printing Company, \$529 25 for job printing, \$250 for publishing the minutes

for the several Boards for the month of September, 1871, and \$40 50 for advertising, were, on motion of Commissioner Farrier, referred to the Committee on Printing and Stationery.

Claim of P. H. Lavery, \$36 55 for registering births, marriages and deaths, was, on motion of Commissioner Carnes, referred to the Committee on Claims.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Commissioner Farrier and adopted:

Resolved, That this Board will meet as Commissioners of Appeal on the fourth Tuesday of November, at seven o'clock, p. m., and from time to time thereafter, as may be found necessary.

By President Pritchard.

Resolved, That the bid or proposal of the First National Bank for (\$500,000) five hundred thousand dollars, or (20) twenty year bonds, at par and interest, be, and the same is hereby accepted, on condition, or provided, that the Bank allow the Commissioners of Sinking Fund to have (\$50,000) fifty thousand dollars of said bonds, at the price paid by Bank for said bonds.

Mayor O'Neill having called for the ayes and nays, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Pritchard, Commissioners Farrier, Gillett and Carnes.

Nays—Mayor O'Neill.

Mayor O'Neill moved that 500 copies of the annual report of the late Comptroller be printed in pamphlet form, and be ordered to be done forthwith.

The motion was adopted.

By Mayor O'Neill and adopted:

That this Board do now adjourn.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.



Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation at their rooms City Hall, Friday, Oct. 6th, 1871, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Pritchard, Mayor O'Neil, Commissioners Farrier and Carnes.

Absent—Commissioner Gillet.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with and on motion of Commissioner Farrier they were approved as printed.

#### PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from S. M. Rice calling the attention of this Board to an error in the assessment made upon his property in Block No. 218, was on motion of Commissioner Farrier referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Communication was received from the Board of Assessors, notifying this Board that they had this day filed their books as required by law, and requesting their pay or balance of salary.

President Pritchard in connection with this communication offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That the clerk of this Board be directed to give notice in the official papers that the Assessors books were completed and will be open for inspection at the office of the City Clerk for the space of thirty days. The resolution was adopted.

By President Pritchard:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn in favor of Assessors and Assistant Assessors for balance of salaries for the year, the Assessors books having been completed and duly filed.

On motion of Mayor O'Neil the resolution was laid on the table.

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

Claims of Times Printing Co. for \$250 for publishing the minutes of the several Boards for month of September; Pangborn, Dunning & Dear, \$109 20 for printing: Journal of Commerce, \$46 85 for advertising, having been audited by their respective committees, on motion of Commissioner Farrier were ordered paid.

#### REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS.

Report of Comptroller for week ending, Oct. 6, 1871, was on motion of Commissioner Carnes received and placed on file.

Communication was received from the Clerk to the Board of Public Works, submitting copies of resolutions passed by that Board September 26, 1871, and approved by his Honor the Mayor

September, 29, 1871, directing this Board to issue bonds to the amount of \$100,000 for reconstruction of sewers, and \$100,000 for the purpose of reconstruction of streets, as provided for in section 71 of the city charter; also directing this Board to issue bonds to the amount of \$300,000, to be denominated "Jersey City Water Scrip," for the purpose of paying cost of constructing water works now in progress, as provided for in section 80 of the city charter.

The President stated these bonds had already been sold for such purpose, and to avoid any mistake, he would say it was no new issue.

On motion of Commissioner Carnes, it was received and placed on file.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Commissioner Carnes on the part of the Committee on Finance, stated that the First National Bank of Jersey City had placed to the credit of the city (\$50,000) five hundred thousand dollars—as follows—in First National Bank, \$375,000, and in the Hudson County National Bank, \$125,000.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of New York Evening Post \$30 80 for advertising, was on motion of Commissioner Carnes referred to the Committee on printing and stationery.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By President Pritchard and adopted.

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the Assessors for four hundred dollars each, and in favor of the Assistant Assessors for two hundred dollars each on account of salaries. The Clerk notified the Board that the Assessors had filed their Tax Books with him in compliance with Section 141, of the City Charter; on motion of Mayor O'Neil, they were received and the Collector of Taxes was directed to get the bills out at the earliest possible date.

By Commissioner Farrier and adopted.

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Times Printing Co., for \$250 for publishing minutes of several Boards for month of September: Pangborn, Dunning and Dear, \$109 20 for printing; Journal of Commerce, \$46 85 for advertising.

By Commissioner Farrier and adopted.

That this Board do now adjourn.

ROBERT HUTTON,

Clerk.



1. The first part of the report deals with the general situation of the country and the progress of the work during the year. It is a summary of the work done and the results achieved.

2. The second part of the report deals with the specific work done during the year. It is a detailed account of the work done and the results achieved. It is divided into two main parts: the first part deals with the work done in the field and the second part deals with the work done in the laboratory.

3. The third part of the report deals with the results of the work done during the year. It is a summary of the results achieved and the progress made. It is divided into two main parts: the first part deals with the results of the field work and the second part deals with the results of the laboratory work.

4. The fourth part of the report deals with the conclusions drawn from the work done during the year. It is a summary of the conclusions reached and the progress made. It is divided into two main parts: the first part deals with the conclusions of the field work and the second part deals with the conclusions of the laboratory work.

Special meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, at their rooms, City Hall, on Wednesday, Oct. 11, 1871, at 9 30 P. M.

Present—President Pritchard, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Farrier, Gillett and Carnes.

The President stated that this meeting had been called to take action in regard to a resolution passed in an earlier hour of the evening by the citizens of Jersey City in respect to the Chicago sufferers, and he would offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Board of Finance and Taxation in accordance with a resolution passed at a meeting of the citizens of this city, held at the Council Chamber, under call of his Honor the Mayor, Oct. 11, 1871, do hereby direct the issue of the Bonds of this city to the amount of

\$25,000, said bonds to be denominated Chicago Relief Bonds and to run one year.

Commissioner Farrier having called for the Yeas and Nays the resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas. President Pritchard, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioner Farrier, Gillett and Carnes.

Nays. None.

Mayor O'Neil moved that the Finance Committee be directed to negotiate the aforesaid bonds, and order a check drawn for the above amount in favor of the Chairman of the Chicago Relief Fund.

The motion was adopted

By Commissioner Gillett and adopted,

That this Board do now adjourn.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.



Regular Meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation at their rooms, City Hall, Friday Oct. 13, 1871, at 8 o'clock p.m. Present, President Pritchard, Commissioners Farrier, Gillett and Carnes. Absent, Mayor O'Neill.

The reading of the minutes of the previous regular meeting was dispensed with, and on motion of Commissioner Gillett they were approved as printed.

The minutes of the special meeting of Oct. 11, 1871, were read, and on motion of Commissioner Farrier they were approved.

#### PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from City Clerk recommending cancellation of sale of taxes of 1865, of certain lots upon which taxes were paid before sale. On motion of Commissioner Gillett the communication was referred to the Committee on Taxation and assessments.

Communication from City Clerk recommending cancellation of sale of lot 15, Thorne street Block B, 5 erroneously sold for taxes of 1868 by former City of Hudson. On motion of Commissioner Gillett, was referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

Claims of *Times* Printing Co., \$38 50, for advertising; *Evening Post*, \$30 80, for advertising; J. H. Lyon, \$64 90, for printing, were, on motion of Commissioner Gillett, received and ordered paid.

#### REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS.

The City Treasurer reported the following balances in the Banks for the week ending Friday, October 13, 1871:

Balance in First National Bank, General Account.....	\$329,462 00
Balance in First National Bank, Sinking Fund Account.....	26,719 66
Balance in Hudson County National Bank, General Account.....	107,620 12
Total.....	\$463,801 78

On motion of Commissioner Gillett, the report was received and ordered on file.

Communication from the Comptroller, submitting a report showing the amount of cash receipts and expenditures from May 1 to Oct. 1, 1871, was, on motion of Commissioner Gillett, received and ordered on file.

Report of Comptroller for week ending Oct. 13, 1871, was received and placed on file.

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

Commissioner Carnes reported on the part of the Finance Committee, that in accordance with the instructions given at last meeting he had waited on the four banks of this city, and they had promptly advanced and responded cheerfully to the call of the citizens.

Commissioner Gillett moved that the report be received and the action of the Committee confirmed. The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the motion was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Pritchard, Commissioners Farrier, Gillett and Carnes.

Nays—None.

In connection with this matter, Commissioner Carnes offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That four bonds of the city for six thousand two hundred and fifty dollars (\$6,250) be issued by the Mayor and City Clerk under the corporate seal of the city in favor of the First National Bank, Second National Bank, Hudson County National Bank, and Union Bank of Jersey City, respectively; the said bonds to be dated Oct. 12, 1871, and drawn payable in one year from said date with interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, and issued for the purpose hereinbefore specified, and to be known as "Chicago Relief Bonds."

The resolution was adopted.

The report of committee on Taxation and Assessments to which was referred the petition of S. M. Rice, for correction of error in assessment for pile foundation on West Grand st. reported adversely to granting prayer of petitioner. The report of the committee was received and their action confirmed.

Report of the committee on Taxation and Assessment on petition of Joseph Hurley to have refunded monies paid for sewer assessments. The Committee reported adversely to granting prayer of petitioner. The report of the Committee was received and their action sustained.

Report of the Committee on Taxation and Assessment on petition of C. N. Betts, for relief in payment of assessment for paving West Grand street, and Newark Plank Road. The Committee reported they were unable to grant any relief to the petitioner, as he had failed to make his objections known in time when the said assessment was advertised for objections. The report of the committee was received and their action confirmed.

Report of the Committee on Taxation and Assessments on petition of Michael Van Winkle, for relief in payment of assessment for Improvement of Bergen Avenue from N. J. R. R. to Broome Street. The Committee reported adversely to granting the prayer of the petition. The report of the Committee was received and their action confirmed.

#### PRINTING AND STATIONERY.

Commissioner Carnes stated on the part of the Committee on Printing and Stationery that they had on the way the Lithographing of those bonds and had ordered the same to be done by Mr. Harrison and he thought he was the proper person as he had given satisfaction heretofore. The Commissioner also gave notice that he had received the bonds formerly held by Leonard J. Gordon and recovered by replevine.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Commissioner Farrier and adopted:

Resolved, That the statement herewith presented of awards for lands taken and damages sustained by the opening, widening, or extension of streets and due and unsettled at the expiration of the term of office of D. Hallanan, late City Treasurer, be referred to the Board of Public Works for such action thereon as will complete and settle the said matters.

By Commissioner Farrier and adopted.

Resolved, That this Board acting as Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, order a warrant to be drawn on the 2d National Bank for \$11,040 61 in favor of the said Commissioners.

By Commissioner Farrier and adopted.

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn for \$39,002 32 in favor of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

By Commissioner Farrier and adopted.

Resolved, That in accordance with proviso in acceptance of bid from First National Bank for purchase of the recently authorized issue of coupon twenty year Bonds amounting to \$500,000, a sufficient number of said bonds to cover the amount standing to the credit of the Sinking Fund, \$50,000 be purchased and held by the Commissioners of said Fund for the benefit of the city.

By Commissioner Gillett and adopted.

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of *Times* Printing Co., \$38 50 for advertising; *Evening Post*, \$30 80, for advertising; and J. H. Lyon, \$64 90, for printing.

Mayor O'Neill moved that the matter of the purchase of improvement certificates be left to the Finance Committee.

The motion was adopted.

By Commissioner Farrier, and adopted.

That this Board do now adjourn until next Friday evening, at half-past seven o'clock.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.





Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation at their rooms, City Hall, Friday, October 20, 1871, at half-past 7 o'clock, p. m.

Present—President Pritchard, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Farrier and Carnes.

Absent—Commissioner Gillett.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with, and on motion of Commissioner Farrier they were approved as printed.

#### PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

The petition of Hugh S. Pollock to remit the amount of advertising sale of property for assessment in former Sixteenth Ward, was on motion of Commissioner Carnes referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition of Ebenezer King in respect to damages to his property by change of grade of Brunswick street, was on motion of Commissioner Carnes referred to the Board of Public Works.

Petition of Henry Fuller to refund to him the sum of ten dollars, amount paid for water tax of 1870 and 1871. On motion of Commissioner Carnes it was referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Communication from the City Clerk, giving notice that he had advertised lands for unpaid taxes of 1868, in the First, Second, Third and Fourth Districts, in the three official papers, once a week for sixty days, was, on motion of Commissioner Carnes, received and filed.

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

Claims of Times Printing Co., \$329 25, for job printing; Pangborn, Dunning & Dear, \$205 70, for printing, and having been audited and found correct by the committee, were ordered paid.

#### REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

The Treasurer reported balance in bank for the week ending Oct. 20, 1871, to be as follows:

Balance in First National Bank, general account.....	\$232,766 10
Balance in First National Bank, sinking fund account.....	80,224 59
Balance in Hudson Co. National Bank, general account.....	108,282 89

Total.....\$421,273 58

On motion of Commissioner Carnes, it was received and ordered on file.

Comptroller's report for the week ending October 20, 1871, was received and ordered on file.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Commissioner Carnes, on the part of the Committee on Finance, submitted a receipt from the City Treasurer for twenty-nine hundred and fifteen dollars in coupons, viz., nineteen six per cent coupons at \$30.67, seven per cent coupons at \$35, sinking fund account; also another receipt from First National Bank for eighty-six coupon bonds of Jersey City, denoted "Jersey City Water Scrip," each for one thousand dollars; and he would also state on the part of the committee that he intended to confer with a member of the Board of Public Works in regard to the investment of the eighty-six thousand dollars in improvement certificates.

Commissioner Farrier moved that the receipts be received and filed, and the verbal report of the committee accepted.

The ayes and nays having been called for by Mayor O'Neill, the motion was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Pritchard, Commissioners Farrier and Carnes.

Nays—Mayor O'Neill.

Absent—Commissioner Gillett.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Pangborn, Dunning & Dear, \$224 20, for printing, &c.

On motion of Commissioner Carnes, it was referred to the Committee on Printing and Stationery.

Claim of John W. Harrison, \$173 55, for stationery, &c, furnished the Board, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Claim of Herring, Farrel & Sherman, for one double banker's chest, or safe, \$900, was, on motion of Commissioner Farrier, referred to the Committee on Claims.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Report of Committee on Taxation and Assessments on communication from City Clerk recommending cancellation of sales for taxes in former cities of Bergen and Hudson of property upon which taxes were paid, recommended the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sale made by the former city of Bergen, January 5, 1869, to the City Treasurer for taxes of 1865 of lots 76, 78, Lexington avenue, and 85, 87 Clendenny avenue, in block 2, assessed to John Pringle, be cancelled of record by the City Clerk for the reason that said taxes were paid prior to said sale.

Resolved, That the sale made by the former City of Hudson, Oct. 13th, 1869, to the Hudson City Savings Bank, for taxes of 1868, of Lot 15, Thorne street, in Block B. 5, assessed to H. Turner, be cancelled of record by the City Clerk for the reason that said taxes were paid March 8, 1869 to the Collector, and that a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of said bank, for the purchase money, \$32 00, with interest thereon at the rate of fifteen per cent. per annum from the date of said sale, to be delivered on the surrender to the City Clerk for cancellation of the declaration of sale of said lot.

On motion of Commissioner Carnes, the report was received and the resolutions adopted. By Commissioner Farrier and adopted:

Resolved, That so much of the resolution adopted, September 16, 1871, as provides for sale December 6, 1871, for unpaid taxes and water rates be so amended as to alter the time for said sale to Thursday, December 14, 1871, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

By Commissioner Carnes and adopted:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn in favor of the Times Printing Co., \$329 25, for job printing, and Pangborn, Dunning & Dear, \$205 70 for printing, &c.

By Commissioner Farrier and adopted:

That this Board do now adjourn.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.



Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation at their rooms, City Hall, Friday, October 27, 1871, at half-past 7 o'clock, p. m.

Present—President Pritchard, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Farrier, Gillett and Carnes.

Absent—None.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with, and on motion of Commissioner Farrier they were approved as printed.

#### PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from the City Clerk, requesting authority to destroy coupon bonds heretofore prepared for issue and not used was, on motion of Mayor O'Neill, referred to Committee on Finance with power to destroy these bonds.

Communication from the City Clerk relative to transcribing uncancelled sales in his office, was on motion of Commissioner Gillett referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition of Michael Long to have unjust assessment corrected, was on motion of Commissioner Farrier referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Communication from Keeney & Haladay claiming that lots one, two and three in block 22, Lafayette, are now charged with the Assessment for improvement of Washington avenue from Maple street to Jersey City and Bergen Plank Road, work done and assessment confirmed April 22, 1867, and enclosing a receipted bill so that this Board would cause the proper correction to be made that these charges may not appear in the Collector's books as unsettled, was on motion of Commissioner Farrier referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Herring, Farrell & Sherman, \$900 for one iron safe, having been audited by the Committee and found correct Commissioner Gillett moved that a warrant be ordered drawn for the amount on the City Treasurer for Herring & Co.

The ayes and nays having been called for by Commissioner Gillett the motion was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Pritchard, Commissioners Farrier, Gillett and Carnes.  
Nay—Mayor O'Neill.

#### REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS.

The Treasurer reported having deposited with the First National Bank for safe keeping, thirty-two thousand dollars in Improvement Certificates, purchased by the Commissioners of the sinking fund and endorsed by the Comptroller for the sinking fund account, and receipt for such deposit being filed in his office, was, on motion of Commissioner Gillett received and placed on file.

The Treasurer reported the following balances in bank for the week ending Friday, October 27, 1871:

Balance in First National Bank, general account.....	\$139,568 57
Balance in First National Bank, Sinking Fund, including Improvement Certificates.....	81,082 59
Balance in Hudson Co. National Bank, general account.....	51,413 99

Total.....\$272,065 15

On motion of Commissioner Gillett it was received and ordered on file.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Commissioner Carnes reported, on the part of the Finance Committee, that he had invested thirty-two thousand dollars (\$32,000) in Improvement Certificates, and deposited the same to the credit of the Sinking Fund.

Commissioner Gillett moved the report of the Committee be received and their action confirmed. The motion was adopted.

The official bonds of Jos. Warren as auctioneer with Wm. Kelly and Michael Brady as sureties, and Dwight B. King with Thomas Atcheson and Martin Haney as sureties, were found by the committee to be correct and acceptable. On motion of Mayor O'Neill they were received and placed on file.

Report of Committee on Taxation and Assessments on petition of Hugh S. Pollock for remission of cost of advertising in payment of taxes of 1870 for the reason that property in which he is interested was assessed by the acre with property of other parties, and had to be apportioned by the former Collector, J. B. Haight, before any collection could be made, respectfully report that while admitting the fact that a difficulty arose which could not be met except by apportionment, yet as stated in the petition and communication annexed of the former Collector the apportionment referred to was made last January and bill rendered at that time, and unfortunately for the petitioner was received by his late partner, Mr. etc. The petitioner might, with the same propriety, and for the same reasons stated in his petition, have neglected and overlooked the matter until after sale, and then petitioned for remittance of all costs, exclusive of interest. To your honorable body is committed the great responsibility of providing money for payment of the expenses of the city government, and the enforcement of the laws to compel a prompt collection of taxes, and in ordering sale of property for unpaid taxes no discretion is justly permitted. The question of collection of cost of advertising has been submitted to the City Attorney, who decides that the lists as prepared by the Collector having been placed in the hands of the printer for advertisement, the city has thereby assessed the cost, and it must in return be collected from the property. If the prayer of this petitioner is granted it will open the door to hundreds of applications similar in purport, yet perhaps different in reasons given, and would establish a precedent injurious to the interests of the city in throwing costs amounting to several thousand dollars upon the general treasury. In conclusion, your committee believing that want of care and forethought has and will continue to work seeming injury to many, and is a matter the forgetfulness of which your Honorable body have nothing to do with, are constrained to report adverse to granting the prayer of the petitioner.

Mayor O'Neill moved the report be received and the action of the committee confirmed. The motion was adopted.

Report of the Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to which was referred the petition of Henry Fuellers, to have refunded water tax for 1870 and 1871, paid for bar on premises No. 24 South Eighth street, report and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Catherine Foellois for ten dollars to refund water tax for 1870 and 1871, paid for "bar" on premises No. 24 South Eighth street, in Block 410, for the reason that no bar has existed on said premises during said time.

Mayor O'Neill moved the report be received and the resolution adopted.

The ayes and nays having been called for by Commissioner Gillett, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Pritchard, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Farrier, Gillett and Carnes.  
Nays—None.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claims of Hudson County German Printing Company, \$184 59, for translating the minutes of the various Boards of Jersey City, from Aug. 1 to Oct. 14, 1871; John H. Lyon, \$166 30, for printing; Hudson County German Printing Co., \$70 40, for printing was, on motion of Commissioner Farrier referred to the Committee on Printing and Stationery.





## MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mayor O'Neill, and adopted:

Resolved, That it is the duty of the Collector of Revenue, and he is hereby directed to make out and present the tax bill and receive the cash for the same, of any taxpayer of Jersey City, when called upon during business hours and the clerk of this Board be authorized to deliver a copy of this resolution to the Collector of Revenue on Saturday morning, the 23d inst.

Commissioner Carnes stated to the Board that he had got some bids in relation to the printing of the late Comptroller's report, (500) copies of which was ordered by resolution of this board, and said proposals ranged from \$800 to \$320, and he did not think it good policy, as it would involve a large expense.

Commissioner Gillett thought it would be well to file the report of the Comptroller with the Clerk of this board, and there it would be accessible to the public, and he would therefore move that the whole matter lay on the table.

The motion was adopted.

By President Pritchard, and adopted:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer for the payment of salaries of Mayor, Comptroller, Treasurer, City Attorney and the different Clerks under the control of this Board for the month of October 1871, or the following amounts viz: Charles H. O'Neill \$250 salary as Mayor; Ezra A. Carman \$333 33 salary as Comptroller; Josiah Hornblower \$250 salary as City Treasurer; Jonathan Dixon Jr. \$250 salary as City Attorney; Wm. Stevens \$150 salary as clerk to the Comptroller; A. D. Hamilton \$150 salary as clerk to the City Collector; Robert Hutton \$133 33 salary as clerk to the Board of Finance and Taxation as well as clerk to the Mayor; H. S. Lord \$100; salary as clerk in the Collector's office; John N. Hoyt, \$100, salary as clerk in the Collector's office; A. W. Marinus \$30, for nine days' salary in the Collector's office; John Creech, Jr. \$100, salary as clerk in the Collector's office; J. H. Clough, \$100, salary as clerk in the Collector's office; Weston Halsey, \$73 33, 22 days' salary as clerk in the Collector's office; A. L. Sears, \$100, salary as clerk in the Collector's office; Thomas

K. Halsted, \$125, salary as clerk in the City Clerk's office; N. E. Feury, \$100, salary as clerk in the City Clerk's office; Peter J. Hanley, \$58 33, salary as City Hall messenger, and page to the Board of Finance and Taxation, as well as to the Board of Police Commissioners; J. P. Van Court, \$39, thirteen days' salary as distributor of Tax and Assessment bills. J. R. Hixon, \$250, salary as expert in examining old accounts of the city; F. Carnes, \$173 33, salary as assistant to the examiner; R. Y. Chase, \$173 33, salary as assistant to the examiner; and the Assessors, for the following amounts: Samuel Pearson, \$200, Assessor for First District; P. H. Lavery, \$200, Assessor for Second District; Joseph Acton, \$200, Assessor for Third District; G. P. Robinson, \$200, Assessor for Fourth District; J. M. Newkirk, \$200, Assessor for Fifth District; A. A. Woodward, \$200, Assessor for Sixth District; and the Assistant Assessors, for the following amounts: Wm. L. Jones, \$100, Assistant Assessor, First District; B. Shackleton, \$100, Asst. Assessor Second District; Sam'l W. Stilsing, \$100, Assistant Assessor Third District; John K. Martin, \$100, Assistant Assessor Fourth District; Theodore F. Merseles, \$100, Assistant Assessor Fifth District; Nicholas Werther, \$100, Assistant Assessor Sixth District; and the official newspapers for publishing the minutes, for the following amounts for October, 1871, viz: John H. Lyon, \$250; Pangborn, Dunning & Deau, \$250; Times Printing Company, \$250; Hudson County German Publishing Company, \$250;

The ayes and nays having been called for by Commissioner Gillett the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Pritchard, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Farrier, Gillett and Carnes

Nays—None.

By Commissioner Farrier and adopted:

That this Board do now adjourn.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.





Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, at their rooms, City Hall, Friday, November 3, 1871, at half-past 7 o'clock p.m.

Present—President Pritchard and Commissioners Farrier, Gillett and Carnes

Absent—Mayor O'Neill.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with, and on motion of Commissioner Gillett, they were approved as printed.

#### PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from Mr. Goelett, asking the Board to exchange \$10,000 in bonds into registered bonds having twenty years to run, was, on motion of Commissioner Carnes, referred to the Committee on Finance.

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

Claim of P. H. Laverty, \$36.55, for registering births, marriages and deaths, was, on motion of Commissioner Gillett, received and ordered paid.

#### REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS.

The Treasurer reported the following balances in Bank for the week ending November 3, 1871.

Balance in First National Bank, General Account.....	\$125,127 50
Balance in First National Bank, Sinking Fund Account, less amount invested in Improvement Certificates	49,765 0.
Balance in Hudson County National Bank, General Account. ....	53,104 49

Total ..... \$228,057 10  
On motion of Commissioner Gillett the report was received and ordered on file.

Comptroller's report for the week ending Nov. 3, 1871, was on motion of Commissioner Gillett received and filed.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Taxation and Assessment to which was referred Sept. 26, 1871, the petition of Keeney & Halladay, for correction of alleged error in assessment for improvement of Communipaw Avenue, between Morris Canal and Bay Shore, on plot 148, in block 48, belonging to them, respectfully report that upon an examination of said map, and explanation by the Surveyor of the work, the supposed error was satisfactorily explained. The report was received and on motion of Commissioner Gillett the action of the Committee confirmed.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of *Evening Post*, \$30.80, for advertising, was, on motion of Commissioner Gillett, referred to Committee on Printing and Stationery.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Commissioner Gillett moved that when this Board shall adjourn, it shall adjourn to meet two weeks from to-night, or Friday evening, November 17, 1871, at half past 7 o'clock.

The motion was adopted.

Commissioner Farrier would like to know, before this Board adjourned, who are the proper parties to furnish this building, or hall, with the necessary fuel and stoves.

Commissioner Carnes moved that Commissioner Farrier be appointed a Committee of one to confer with the different Boards that now occupy the City Hall, in reference to heating.

The motion was adopted.

By Commissioner Carnes, adopted,

That this Board do now adjourn.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.



Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation at their rooms, City Hall, Friday, November 17, 1871, at half-past seven o'clock, p. m.

Present—President Pritchard, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Farrier and Carnes.

Absent—Commissioner Gillett.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

#### PRESSENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Patrick Reilly in regard to an error of assessment on his property in South Seventh street, was on motion of Commissioner Carnes referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition of Peter H. Beckman to transfer an amount paid in mistake by him on a wrong lot, to lot No. 7, was, on motion of Commissioner Farrier, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition of the trustees of the Communipaw M. E. Church, to reduce assessment on their property, was, on motion of Commissioner Farrier, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition of John J. Phye, to have refunded amount paid by him in error on lot No. 1, old Twelfth Ward, was, on motion of Commissioner Farrier, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Communication from J. Dixon, Jr., City Attorney, including orders from the Supreme Court, setting aside as illegal the taxes levied against the Morris and Essex Railroad Company in the years 1868 and 1869, an recommendation the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Collector be instructed to enter upon his book opposite the taxes against the Morris and Essex Railroad Company for the years 1868 and 1869, that said taxes are set aside by the Supreme Court, and not to proceed in endeavors to collect the same, was received, and on motion of Commissioner Carnes referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Communication from the City Attorney in regard to the tax imposed upon the round house of the N. J. R. R. and T. Co., was, on motion of Commissioner Carnes, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

Claims of John H. Lyon, \$166.30, for printing, stationery, &c.; John W. Harrison, \$178.55, for stationery, &c.; Pangborn, Dunning & Dear, \$224.20, for printing; New York Daily Times, \$102.20, for advertising, having been audited by the Committee and found correct, Commissioner Carnes offered the following resolution:

Resolved That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of John H. Lyon, \$166.30 for printing; John W. Harrison, \$178.55 for stationery, &c.; Pangborn, Dunning & Dear, \$224.20 for printing, and New York Daily Times, \$102.20 for advertising.

The ayes and nays having been called for by President Pritchard, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Pritchard, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Farrier and Carnes.

Nays—None.

Absent—Commissioner Gillett.

#### REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS.

The Treasurer reported the following balances in bank for the week ending November 17, 1871:

Balance in First National Bank, general account.....	\$93,526 81
Balance in Hudson County National Bank, general account.....	32,120 35

Total..... \$125,647 16

On motion of Commissioner Carnes the report was received and ordered on file.

Comptroller's report, for the week ending November 13, 1871, was, on motion of Commissioner Carnes, received and filed.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Report of Committee on Finance on communication from City Clerk, requesting destruction of bonds in his office not used, reported as having attended to it and of having destroyed 1,115 in all. On motion of Mayor O'Neill the report was received and the action of the Committee confirmed.

The Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to which was referred October 27, 1871, the petition of Michael Long for relief from payment of assessment for improvement of Prospect street from North Seventh street to northern boundary, respectfully report that your Committee have carefully examined said assessment, and find that Mr. Long, in paying the assessment for said improvement October 8, 1870, failed to have included in the bill all his property assessed for said improvement, and that the second bill of \$19.97 is just and must be paid. On motion of Mayor O'Neill the report was received and the action of the Committee confirmed.

#### REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

The Special Committee on Heating: Commissioner Farrier reported that he had been unable to confer with any of the other Departments about this matter, but that in regard to the Collector's office he had purchased a stove, he therefore would report progress, and in connection with this matter, he would state that he had seen City Marshal Ellis, and he wished him to state to the Board that it was impossible for him, without any help, to attend to all the offices.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill, the report was received and referred to the special committee with power.

#### PRESSENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of John W. Harrison, \$503.45, for stationery, bonds, &c., supplied Committee, was on motion of Commissioner Carnes referred to the Committee on Printing and Stationery.

Claims of Frederick Anness, \$55.83 for stoves, pipes, &c., and James R. Whyte, \$11 for two loads of wood, and for sawing and splitting of the same, were on motion of Commissioner Carnes referred to the special committee on heating.

By Commissioner Farrier and adopted:

That this Board now adjourn.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.





Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation at their rooms, City Hall, Friday Nov. 24, 1871, at half-past 7 o'clock p.m.

Present—President Price and Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Farrier and Carnes.

Absent—Commissioner Gillett.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with, and on motion of Commissioner Farrier they were approved as printed.

#### PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of De Witt Tappan to remit the water rents and penalties on lot 23 block 322, was on motion of Commissioner Carnes referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition of Samuel Hetherington for a proper adjustment in the matter of taxes for 1870 on his parts of lots No. 1 to 9, block 339, West Grand street, as he is taxed erroneously, was on motion of Commissioner Carnes referred to Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition of Jos. Simpson to have error corrected in matter of water tax on rear shed, was on motion of Commissioner Carnes referred to Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition of J. M. Cornelison to have refunded taxes of 1869 paid in error and for apportionment of taxes of 1870 on his property in block 150 former Tenth Ward, was on motion of Commissioner Farrier referred to Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition of Robert Bacot to have proposed sale of his property for taxes of 1869 cancelled—for the reason that the same had been paid to John J. Gaffney, collector of Revenue for Hudson City, Dec. 20, 1869, as per enclosed check, \$132 50—was, on motion of Commissioner Carnes, referred to Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Communication from the City Attorney, giving notice of the reduction of tax assessed on the estate of N. C. Slaughter, by the Supreme Court, and recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the city collector be directed to enter upon his books opposite to the tax of 1870, assessed against the estate of N. C. Slaughter, on blocks 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 Slaughter's map, that it was reduced November 16, 1871, by Supreme Court to \$1,166 33, and be further instructed to receive \$1,166 33 together with all lawful interest, penalties and costs in said sum of \$1,166 33 in full satisfaction of said tax.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill the communication was received and the resolution adopted.

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

Claims of Jas. R. Whyte, \$11 00 for two loads wood, sawing and spitting of the same, and Frederick Anness, \$55 83 for stoves, pipes, &c. having been reported correct by the special committee on heating, Commissioner Carnes offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Jas. R. Whyte, \$11, for 2 loads of wood and splitting the same, and Frederick Anness \$55 83 for stoves, pipes, &c. The resolution was adopted.

#### REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS.

The Treasurer reported the following balances in the banks for the week ending Friday, November 24th, 1871:

Balance in First National Bank ..... \$38,848 31  
Balance in Hudson Co. National Bank. 12,916 10

Total ..... \$51,764 41

On motion of Commissioner Carnes, the report was received and ordered on file.

Comptroller's report for the week ending November 24, 1871, was, on motion of Commissioner Carnes, received and filed.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to which was referred November 17, 1871, the petition of Patrick Reilly, for correction of error in assessment for taxes of 1870, on certain of his property in South Seventh street, respectfully

report, that after conferring with the City Attorney your committee are of the opinion that the tax in question should have been adjusted by the Commissioners of Appeal for that year and before the payment of the taxes, and therefore report adverse to granting the prayer of the petitioner.

On motion of Commissioner Carnes the report was received and the action of the committee confirmed.

The Committee on Taxation and Assessments to which was referred Nov. 17, 1871, communication from City Attorney, submitting orders from Supreme Court on certiorari in matter of assessments of taxes of 1869 and 1870, on property of Morris and Essex Railroad Co., and the Round House of N. J. R. R. & T. Co., recommend the following resolutions, suggested by the City Attorney in his communication, be adopted:

Resolved, That the City Collector be instructed to enter upon his books opposite to the taxes against the Morris and Essex Railroad Company for the years 1868-1869, that said taxes are set aside by the Supreme Court, and to proceed no further in endeavors to collect the same.

Resolved, That the City Collector be ordered to enter upon his books in regard to any taxes levied upon the Round House of the New Jersey Railroad and Transportation Company that the same are set aside, and to proceed no further in any attempt to collect the same.

On motion of Commissioner Carnes, the report was received and the resolutions adopted.

The Committee on Taxation and Assessments to which was referred Nov. 17, 1871, the petition of the trustees of the Communipaw M. E. Church for reduction of assessment on their property for street and sewer improvements, respectfully report that your committee have conferred with the City Attorney, who is of the opinion that the present charter gives no power to any branch of the City Government to remit any assessment for improvements if justly made, and therefore your committee report adverse to granting the prayer of the petition, and recommended that the bills be returned to the trustees by the clerk with notice of this action of the Board.

On motion of Commissioner Carnes the report was received and the recommendation adopted.

The report of the Committee on Taxation and Assessments to whom was referred Nov. 17, 1871, the petition of John I. Phye, to have refunded tax twice paid, find that the statement is correct, and therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of John I. Phye, for thirty two dollars and seven cents, (\$32 07) to refund amount paid Nov. 6, 1871, in settlement of taxes of 1870, on lot 36, Zabriskie street, or lot 1, plot 10, block 11, 12th Ward, the taxes having been previously paid Feb. 3, 1871.

On motion of Commissioner Farrier the report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to which was referred Nov. 17, 1871, the petition of Peter H. Beekman, reported having examined into the matter and find that the taxes of 1870 were twice paid; and therefore recommended that the amount paid by Peter H. Beekman on said lot be credited to lot No. 7, on which he supposed and intended to pay; and recommended the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Collector be directed to credit lot 7, Manners avenue, in block 49, with \$8 11 taxes of 1870, in lieu of some amount paid Dec. 19, 1870, by Peter H. Beekman for taxes of 1870 on lot 13 Manners avenue, block 8.

On motion of Commissioner Carnes, the report was received and the resolution adopted.

#### REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Commissioner Farrier stated that he had engaged a person to clean some of the offices under the control of this Board, and he would therefore report progress.

On motion of Commissioner Carnes the report was received and the action of the committee confirmed.



## PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Frederick Anness, \$33.80 for repairing stoves, &c., was referred to Special Committee. Claim of Wm. W. Farrier, \$36.75 for gas fixtures, &c., was referred to the Committee on Claims.

## MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

The Auditing Committee reported that they had finished their labors in the work assigned to them in auditing the old accounts of the city, and recommended that the clerks employed for that work be discharged.

On motion of Commissioner Farrier the report was received and the recommendation adopted.

By President Pritchard:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer for payment of salaries of Mayor, Comptroller, Treasurer, City Attorney, and the different clerks under the control of this Board, and for the official newspapers for publishing the minutes of the several boards of the City Government, for the month of November, 1871, as follows:

Charles H. O'Neill, \$250, salary as Mayor; Ezra A. Carman, \$333.33, salary as Comptroller; Josiah Hornblower, \$250, salary as City Treasurer; Jonathan Dixon, Jr., \$250, salary as City Attorney; William Stevens, \$150, salary as clerk to the Comptroller; A. D. Hamilton, \$150, salary as clerk to the City Collector; Robert Hutton, \$133.33, salary as clerk to the Board of Finance and Taxation, as well as clerk to the Mayor; H. S. Lord, \$100, salary as clerk in the Collector's office; John H. Hoyt, \$100, as clerk in the Collector's office; John Creech, Jr., \$100, salary as clerk in the Collector's office; J. H. Clough, \$100, salary as clerk in the Collector's office; A. L. Sears, \$100 salary as clerk in the Collector's office; Thomas K. Halstead, \$125 salary as clerk in the City Clerk's office; and Nicholas E. Feury, \$100 as clerk in the City Clerk's office; Peter J. Hanley, \$58.33 salary as City Hall messenger and page to the Board of Finance and Taxation, as well as to the Board of Police Commissioners.

J. R. Hixson, \$199.92 as expert from November 1st to Nov. 24th, both days inclusive; E. G. Chase, \$138.72, salary as assistant to the expert, from Nov. 1 to Nov. 24, both days inclusive; F. Carnes, \$40.46, salary as assistant to the expert from Nov. 1 to Nov. 24, both days inclusive; A. W. Merrius, \$100, salary as clerk in the Collector's office; Justus Slater, \$100, salary as clerk in the Collector's office; Martin Finck, \$88.24, 23 days as clerk in Collector's office; Frank Woods, \$134.16, salary as clerk in the Collector's office; Weston Halsey, \$100, salary as clerk in the Collector's office; J. P. Van Court, \$78, salary as distributor of tax and assessment bills, and the official newspapers as follows: American Standard, \$250, for publishing minutes; Evening Journal, \$250, for publishing the minutes; Jersey City Times, \$250, and Watch on the Hudson, \$250; all for publishing the minutes of the several boards of the city government for the month of Nov., 1871.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President Pritchard, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Farrier and Carnes.

Nays—None.

Absent—Commissioner Gillett.

By Commissioner Carnes and adopted.

That this Board do now adjourn.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.





Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, at their rooms, City Hall, Friday evening, December 1, 1871, at 7½ o'clock.

Present—President Pritchard, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Carnes and Farrier.

The reading of the minutes of last meeting was dispensed with, and on motion of Commissioner Farrier they were approved and printed.

#### PRESSENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of John McKinstry for exemption from assessment for the sewer in Newark avenue, was, on motion of Commissioner Farrier, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition of John B. Coles and others, to omit certain lots of ground from proposed sale, to take place on the 14th of December, 1871, was, on motion of Commissioner Carnes, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition of Francis Naughton, for reduction of Assessments for improvement of Grand street, was, on motion of Commissioner Carnes, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition of David S. Mann, to cancel bill of assessment for his property on Grand street, per enclosed bill, was, on motion of Commissioner Carnes, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition of Thomas McGraw, to have assessment corrected in block 560, was, on motion of Commissioner Carnes, laid on the table.

Communication from City Attorney, in regard to certioraris for grading, &c., argued in June last, and submitting resolutions thereto, was, on motion of Commissioner Carnes, received, and resolutions adopted.

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Frederick Anness, \$33.80 for repairing stores in Treasurer's, City Clerk's offices and cellar of City Hall, having been audited by the committee and found correct, Commissioner Carnes offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Frederick Anness for \$33.80 for repairing stores, &c., in City Clerk's and Treasurer's offices.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Pritchard, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Farrier and Carnes.

Nays—None.

Absent—Commissioner Gillett.

#### REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS.

The Treasurer reported the following balances in bank for the week ending Friday, December 1, 1871:

Balance in First National Bank,	
General Account.....	\$13,272 31
Balance in Hudson County National Bank, General Account.....	11,049 93
Total.....	\$24,322 24

On motion of Commissioner Carnes, it was received and ordered on file.

Comptroller's report for the week was received and filed.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported that the loan recently made by the First National Bank had been canceled.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TAXATION AND ASSESSMENTS.

Report of the Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to which was referred November 24, 1871, the petition of R. C. Bacot to have certain property left out of schedule for proposed sales for taxes, the taxes having been paid, and submitting receipt, respectfully report that the matter has been attended to, and recommend that the receipt and check be returned to Mr. Bacot by the Clerk.

Commissioner Carnes moved the report be received and the action of the Committee confirmed.

The motion was adopted.

Report of the Committee on Taxation and Assessments in reference to petition of Joseph Simpson to have refunded water rents erroneously assessed, respectfully report in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioner, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Joseph Simpson, for four dollars and fifty cents, to refund amount paid Nov. 8, 1871, on one story building on lot 44, Beacon avenue, in block 570, for water rents of 1871.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill the report was received and the resolution adopted.

#### PRESSENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of A. W. Van Winkle, \$30.25 for coal, wood, &c., was on motion of Commissioner Carnes referred to the special Committee.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Commissioner Carnes:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of the Times Printing Company for \$2500, on account of bill for publishing the Corporation Notices, sale of lands for unpaid taxes, water rents and assessments.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Pritchard, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Farrier and Carnes.

Nays—None.

Absent—Commissioner Gillett.

Communication from the Board of Public Works submitting resolutions passed by that Board November 28, 1871, for \$110,355 69, as provided for in section 70 of the City Charter, and a resolution for \$238,000 as provided for in section 80 of the City Charter.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill the communication was received and filed.

By President Pritchard:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance are hereby authorized to sell bonds to the amount of (\$238,000) two hundred and eighty-eight thousand dollars, as per resolution of the Board of Public Works, the same to be denominated Jersey City Water Scrip, as provided for in section 80 of the city charter, said bonds to run (20) twenty years from December 1, 1871.

Mayor O'Neill moved to amend the resolution by adding the following words: that the bonds be advertised for sale, and that proposals be received by this Board, and no bonds to be sold for less than par.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President declared the amendment lost by the following vote:

Ayes—President Pritchard and Commissioner Carnes.

Nays—Mayor O'Neill and Commissioner Farrier.

Absent—Commissioner Gillett.

Commissioner Carnes moved to amend the resolution by adding the words, that these bonds be advertised for sale, and that proposals be received by this board.

The ayes and nays having been called for by Mayor O'Neill, this amendment was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Pritchard, Commissioners Farrier and Carnes.

Nays—Mayor O'Neill.

Absent—Commissioner Gillett.

Commissioner Carnes moved that the resolution, as amended, be adopted.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution, as thus amended, was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Pritchard, Commissioners Farrier and Carnes.

Nays—Mayor O'Neill.

Absent—Commissioner Gillett.

By Commissioner Carnes, and adopted: That the board now adjourn.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.





Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation at their rooms, City Hall, Friday, December 8, 1871, at half-past 7 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Pritchard, Commissioners Gillett, Farrier, Carnes and Mayor O'Neill Absent—None.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, and on motion of Mayor O'Neill the vote on motion that no bonds should be sold for less than par, was corrected, so as to read as follows:

Ayes—Mayor O'Neill and Commissioner Farrier.

Nays—President Pritchard and Commissioner Carnes.

The minutes as corrected were then approved.

#### PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from City Attorney in regard to assessment against the property of A. S. Jewell and others on writs of certiorari issued by the Supreme Court and submitting the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Collector be directed to enter upon the record of assessments opposite to the assessment for widening Montgomery street levied upon the property of Abraham S. Jewell, Horatio N. Ege, Charles H. Murray, the Hedding M. E. Church, John Lamb, Mary Davey, Samuel Hetherington, John C. Quick, Mary E. Pearson, Peter Fields, and Laura R. Adams and Emory H. Adams, her husband, that the said assessment is set aside by the Supreme Court at the November term, A. D. 1871, and that no further steps be taken for collecting said assessments.

On motion of Commissioner Gillett the communication was received and the resolution adopted.

Petition of Thomas M. Abell, in regard to the advertising of his property for arrears of taxes stating they have been erroneously credited and forwarding receipts for the same, was on motion of Commissioner Carnes, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition of Earle H. Smith to exhibit tax bills of previous years and receipts for same year, with a view to determining his rights, was on motion of Commissioner Carnes, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition of Jos. Chevallier and others claiming to have paid their bills and been credited erroneously, was on motion of Commissioner Carnes referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition of Wm. B. Ogden to have amount of taxes paid by him for the year 1870 on lot 43, block 37, transferred to lot No. 54, for the reason that the taxes on lot 42 has been paid twice, and was on motion of Commissioner Gillett, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition of Thos. Tullman on assessment for opening Montgomery street, and stating the bill was assessed to Jane Tuers, and having there: ore received no notice, &c., was on motion of Commissioner Carnes, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition from John Rowland to cancel charges for advertising, &c., and inclosing bills, was on motion of Commissioner Carnes, referred to Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

Claims of Wm. W. Farrier for \$36 75 for gas fixtures in collector's office, &c., having been audited by the Committee and found correct, Commissioner Gillett offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Wm. W. Farrier for \$36 75, for gas fixtures, &c., in Collector's office.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Pritchard, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Farrier, Gillett and Carnes.

Nays—None.

#### REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS.

The Treasurer reported balances in the bank for the week ending December 8, 1871, to be as follows:

Balance in First National Bank, general account.....	\$77,436 98
Balance in Hudson County National Bank, general account.....	20,818 92

Total.....\$98,255 90

On motion of Commissioner Gillett, the report was received and ordered on file.

Comptroller's Report for week ending Dec. 8, 1871, was, on motion of Commissioner Gillett, received and filed.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Report of the Committee on Taxation and Assessments, on petition of Francis Naughton, for relief in payments of assessments for the improvement and widening of West Grand avenue, report adverse to granting prayer of the petitioner.

On motion of Commissioner Gillett the report was received, and the action of the Committee confirmed.

The Committee on Taxation and Assessments, on petition of D. S. Manera for relief from payment of assessments for improvement of Grand street, report adverse to granting prayer of the petitioner, for the reason that your honorable body can grant no relief after the final confirmation of the assessment.

On motion of Commissioner Gillett, the report was received and the action of the Committee confirmed.

The Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to which was referred Dec. 1, 1871, the petition of John B. Coles and others for postponement of sale of their property for taxes, &c., report adverse to granting the prayer of the petitioners, for the reason that every owner of property advertised for sale might make the same request with the same right of postponement.

On motion of Commissioner Gillett, the report was received and the action of the Committee confirmed.

The Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to which was referred Nov. 24, 1871, the petition of Samuel Hetherington for error in assessment for taxes of 1870, report adverse to granting the prayer of the petitioner for the reason that this Board could not grant any relief if needed, the proper time was before the Commissioners of Appeal.

Your Committee would further report that much annoyance is caused your Honorable Body through the negligence of parties petitioning for relief, to first investigate before jumping at conclusions, as in this instance:

The Assessor's book, 1870, Fourteenth Ward, shows the statement of Mr. Hetherington to be erroneous.

On motion of Commissioner Gillett, the report of the Committee was received and their action confirmed.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of A. P. Rikeman, \$25, for posting 250 dog law notices and 1,000 tax notices was, on motion of Commissioner Carnes, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By President Pritchard and adopted:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the Assessors for \$200 each, and for the Assistant Assessors for \$100 each, on account of salaries. The ayes and nays having been called for by President Pritchard, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Pritchard, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Farrier, Gillett and Carnes.

Nays—None.

Official notice from the clerk of the Board of Public Works of resolutions adopted by that Board December 6, 1871, requesting this Board to issue bonds for various purposes, was, on mo-

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tion of Commissioner Farrier, received and ordered on file.

By Commissioner Farrier and adopted :

Resolved, That the City Clerk is hereby authorized and requested to publish in the corporation papers, for the length of time required by law, list of property still unredeemed sold by the corporation of the former City of Bergen, March 7 and April 7, 1870, for unpaid taxes and assessments.

By Commissioner Farrier and adopted :

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing and Stationery are hereby authorized to procure the necessary number of blank books for City Clerk's office, to be used as schedules of sales for taxes, assessments and water rents.

By Commissioner Farrier, and adopted :

Resolved, that the Committee on Printing and Stationery are hereby authorized to have printed the declarations of sale necessary for corporation sale of December 14, 1871, the said declarations of sale to be signed by the Mayor and City Clerk, under the corporate seal of the city, and to be executed under the direction of the City Attorney.

By Commissioner Farrier and adopted :

Resolved, That the sale to be made December 14, 1871, for unpaid taxes and water rents, shall be made under the direction of the Committee on Taxation and Assessments of this Board, of which sale the City Clerk shall act as Receiver of Bids, and that the said Committee are hereby authorized to suspend or adjourn the sale or any

part thereof, and do such other things connected therewith as may seem proper and not inconsistent with the City Charter.

Resolutions by the City Attorney, presented by Commissioner Farrier and adopted :

Resolved, That the City Collector be instructed to proceed forthwith in collecting the assessments for grading and improving Webster avenue, together with interest, penalties and costs thereon.

Resolved, That the City Collector be directed to enter upon his book, opposite to the assessments against Wm. Harney, Thos. Flanagan, Christopher Brannagan, Richard Brannagan, John Geraghty, Bernard McLaughlin, James Grogan and Thomas Duffy, for improving Grand street between Jersey avenue and Mill Creek, that the said assessments are set aside by the Supreme Court, and that he be directed to take no proceedings for the collection of the same.

By Commissioner Gillett and adopted :

That this Board do now adjourn.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.





Special meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation at their rooms, City Hall, Monday, December 11, 1871, at seven o'clock, p. m.

Present—President Pritchard, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Farrier, Gillett and Carnes.

Absent—None.

The Clerk read the call of the meeting made by the committee for the purpose of considering the sale of bonds.

Commissioner Carnes moved that that portion of the resolution passed at the last regular meeting, referring to the advertising of bonds, be rescinded.

The ayes and nays having been called for by Mayor O'Neill, the motion was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Pritchard, Commissioners Farrier, Gillett and Carnes.

Nays—Mayor O'Neill.

Commissioner Carnes submitted a proposition from the First National Bank for \$100,000, Jersey City twenty-year seven per cent water scrip bonds, coupon or registered at their option, at par and accrued interest.

Commissioner Carnes moved that the proposal of the First National Bank be accepted, in accordance with their terms in said proposal.

The ayes and nays having been called for by Mayor O'Neill, the motion was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Pritchard, Commissioners Farrier, Gillett and Carnes.

Nays—Mayor O'Neill.

By Commissioner Gillett and adopted—That this Board do now adjourn.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.



Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, at their rooms, City Hall, Friday December 15, 1871, at half-past seven o'clock p. m.

Present—President Pritchard, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Farrier, Gillett and Carnes.

Absent—None.

The reading of the minutes of the two last meetings was dispensed with, and on motion of Commissioner Gillett they were approved as printed.

#### PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from E. Evans in regard to errors, and claiming that his former communications were unheeded.

On motion of Commissioner Gillett the communication was received and placed on file.

Petition of Thomas McArthur to have his bill of taxes corrected, as he had paid the same previously to John J. Gaffney, was, on motion of Mayor O'Neill, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessment.

Communication from M. Sandford, cashier of the First National Bank of Jersey City, asking for a remission of tax on bank stock of John Rensen of New Bedford, Monmouth county, New Jersey, stating that the same had been included in their tax bill of non-resident stockholders was, on motion of Mayor O'Neill, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition from Wm. Brinkerhoff, attorney for the property holders on the line of Palisade avenue from Academy street to Bergen avenue, to relieve said property holders from the payment of the assessment levied for the improvement of Palisade road, from and to the points above named was, on motion of Commissioner Gillett, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Anness & Murray, \$75, for tape lines, match safes and clock, having been audited by the Committee and found correct, Commissioner Gillett offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Anness & Murray for \$75, for tape lines, match safes and clock.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Pritchard, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Farrier, Gillett and Carnes.

Nays—None.

Claim of A. P. Rikeman, \$25, for posting 250 dog law notices and 1,000 tax notices, having been audited by the committee and found correct, Commissioner Gillett offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of A. P. Rikeman for \$25, for posting 250 dog law notices and 1,000 tax notices.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Pritchard, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Farrier, Gillett and Carnes.

Nays—None.

#### REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

The Treasurer reported balances in Bank for the week ending Friday, December 15, 1871, to be as follows:

Balance in First National Bank.....	\$240,823 90
Balance in Hudson County National Bank.....	48,588 57

Total..... \$289,412 47

On motion of Commissioner Farrier, the report was received and ordered on file.

Comptroller's report for the week ending December 15, 1871, was, on motion, received and filed.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Commissioner Carnes, on the part of the Finance Committee, reported that the proposal of the First National Bank to take \$100,000 worth of bonds at par and accrued interest, had been complied with in relation to the bonds, and that the committee had accepted a bid from Mr. Jas. Ward for \$10,000 worth of the bonds.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill the report was received and the action of the committee confirmed.

The Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to which was referred Dec. 8, 1871, the petition of Joseph Chevalier and others, relative to payment of taxes on certain property, and requesting transfer of credits &c., respectfully report that the matter has been settled by payment to the City Collector.

On motion of Commissioner Carnes the report was received and the action of the committee confirmed.

The Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to which was referred Dec. 8, 1871, the petition of J. T. Rowland for relief from payment of cost of advertising property for sale for taxes of 1870, reported that they had conferred with the City Attorney, who was of the opinion that your honorable body cannot grant the prayer of the petitioner, and therefore they feel constrained to report adverse to granting the prayer of the petitioner.

On motion of Commissioner Gillett the report was received and the action of the committee confirmed.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claims of Pangborn, Dunning & D ar, \$7,020.20, for publishing notice of sales, sewer and water rates, 3,191 folios, 5 times; Pangborn, Dunning & Dear, \$1,000 for publishing minutes; John H. Lyon, \$7,020.20 for advertisement-sale of lands for arrears of taxes, water rents, and assessments for the years 65, 66, 67, 68, 69 and 70, 3,191 folios, 5 times; John H. Lyon, \$90.40 for printing and advertising; Hudson County German Publishing Company \$7,020.20 for advertisement or sale of lands for arrears of taxes, water rent and assessments for the years 1865, 66, 67, 68, 69 and 70, 3,191 folios, 5 times, were, on motion of Commissioner Gillett, referred to the Committee on Printing and Stationery.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Certiorari in the matter of the Long Dock Company vs. Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City and the Board of Finance and Taxation, was on motion of Commissioner Gillett referred to the City Attorney.

By Commissioner Farrier:

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing and Stationery are hereby authorized to have blank bonds printed for immediate use—said bonds to be registered and to be called "Jersey City Water Scrip."

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Pritchard, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Farrier, Gillett and Carnes.

Nays—None.

Commissioner Gillett stated that the Secretary of the Auditing Committee was present and would like to make a report on the old accounts of the city. The report was submitted and read by the clerk, and on motion of Commissioner Gillett, it was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Commissioner Gillett moved a resolution of thanks to the Auditing Committee for the satisfactory manner in which they had performed their very arduous duties, and that the committee be discharged. The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Pritchard, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Farrier, Gillett and Carnes.

Nays—None.

By President Pritchard and adopted: Resolved, That warrants be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of John H. Lyon, Pangborn, Dunning & Dear, Hudson Co. German Publishing Association, for (\$2,500) twenty-five hundred dollars each on account for printing, tax sales, &c.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Pritchard, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Farrier, Gillett and Carnes.

Nays—None.

By Commissioner Gillett and adopted:

That this Board do now adjourn.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.





Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation at their rooms, City Hall, Friday December 22, 1871, at half-past 7 o'clock p. m.

Present.—President Pritchard, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Farrier, Gillett and Carnes.

Absent.—None.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with, and on motion of Commissioner Farrier they were approved as printed.

#### PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Centenary M. E. Church, to have lots 12, 13, 14, in block 358, exempt from taxation, as they are used for church purposes, was on motion referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition of T. F. Morris, treasurer of South Eighth Street Bethel, to have tax bill cancelled on said property, as it was bought for and has since been used for church purposes, was on motion referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition of Ceilia Kemp, to have tax on lots 21 and 22, block 327, returned to her, as it was paid in mistake, was on motion referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Communication from the City Attorney in regard to the list of property to be advertised for sale and adjourned sale from Dec. 14, 1871, for taxes, water rents, &c., was on motion received and ordered filed.

Communication from City Collector, reporting list of certioraris and superseas received by him, in matter of taxes on property, on railroad and canal companies, was on motion received and filed.

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

Claim of A. W. Van Winkle, \$30.25, for coal, wood &c., having been audited and found correct Commissioner Gillett offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of A. W. Van Winkle for \$30.25 for coal, wood &c. The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—All the members present

#### REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS.

The Comptroller's report for the week ending December 22, 1871, was on motion received and ordered filed.

The Treasurer reported the balances in bank for the week ending Friday, December 22, 1871, as follows:

Balance in First National Bank .....	\$381,508 69
Balance in Hudson Co. National Bank .....	4,619 24

Total .....

On motion of Commissioner Gillett the report was received and filed.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to which was referred November 24, 1871, the petition of J. M. Cornelison, report and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, that the taxes of 1869 paid by Christian Weber on lots 1 to 8 in block 150 be credited to lots 19 to 27 J. M. Cornelison, in block 150, by the City Collector, and that the taxes of 1869 against lots 8 to 18 in block 150 be cancelled by said officer, said block 150 being in the Second Ward of the former city of Hudson.

Resolved, That the City Collector be authorized to receive from J. M. Cornelison the sum of \$97 38, in full payment for taxes of 1870 on lots of lots 1 to 8, in block 150, Tenth ward, or lots 19 to 27, in block 150, map of Hudson City, dated 1857, and to cancel the balance of the taxes of 1870 assessed against said lots 1 to 8.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill the report was received and the resolutions adopted.

The Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to which was referred Dec. 8, 1871, the petition of E. H. Smith for correction of alleged errors

in taxes of 1869, respectfully reported that the committee had carefully examined the matter and find that there is due from Mr. Smith the sum of \$49 02 balance of taxes of 1869 on lots 25, 15, 16, block 86, Fourth ward, former city of Bergen, and recommend that enclosed bill be sent to Mr. Smith by the clerk.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill the report was received and recommendation of committee adopted.

The Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to which was referred September 26, 1871, the petition of William H. Cook for reconsideration of action on former petition of his for correction of assessment for improvement of Franklin street, respectfully report that your committee presented said adverse report with the advice of the City Attorney, and know of no reason why your Honorable Body should take any other action.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill the report was received and adopted.

The Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to which was referred, Dec. 1, 1871, the petition of John McKinstry for relief from payment of Assessment for Sewer in Newark avenue, respectfully report that in the opinion of the City Attorney your Honorable Body cannot grant any relief after the consummation of an assessment, and therefore your committee report adverse to granting the prayer of the petitioner.

On motion of Commissioner Gillett the report was received and action of the committee confirmed.

The Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to which was referred, December 8, 1871, the petition of F. Fullman for a relief from payment of interest on assessments for opening of Montgomery street, respectfully report that your Honorable Body cannot remit said interest, the same being a legal charge, and therefore report adverse, to granting the prayer of the petitioner.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill the report was received and the action of the Committee confirmed.

The Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to which was referred, Sept. 8, 1871, the petition of D. C. Joyce to have refunded money paid for sewer assessment, &c., respectfully report that this is a matter similar in purport to one submitted to the City Attorney and made by said officer the subject for an opinion in writing wherein it may be found that your honorable body have no discretion, an assessment when paid is final, and Mr. Joyce will receive the benefit of this payment, under the just principle in the charter, that a second assessment for a like purpose cannot be levied; therefore in assessment for sewer in Berren Point Plankroad, the lots cannot be assessed for sewer by reason of this first payment, and the receipt should be returned.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill the report was received and the action of the committee confirmed.

The Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to which was referred Sept. 8, 1871, the petition of David C. Joyce or correction of error in assessment for taxes of 1870, respectfully report that in the opinion of the City Attorney your Hon. body have no power in the premises, and therefore your committee are constrained to report adverse to granting the prayer of the petitioner.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill the report was received, and the action of the committee confirmed.

The Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to which was referred December 15, petition of M. Sandford, cashier of the First National Bank, to have refunded taxes of 1871 erroneously paid, report and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the First National Bank for \$26 60, to refund taxes of 1871, paid by said bank on stock held by John Remsen, of New Bedford, Monmouth County, N. J.

The ayes and nays having been called for by





the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

The Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to which was referred December 15, 1871, the petition of T. McArthur to have re-funded taxes of 1869 paid twice, respectfully report and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer, in favor of Thomas McArthur, for nine dollars and ninety-seven cents, to refund amount paid December 12, 1871, for taxes of 1869, on lot 13, in block H. Van Wagoner's map, First Ward of former City of Hudson, said taxes having been previously paid December 10, 1869.

The ayes and nays having been called for by President Pritchard, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

The Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to which was referred Dec. 8, 1871, the petition of Wm. B. Ogden for transfer of certain taxes of 1870, twice paid, report and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Collector is hereby directed to credit lot 54 in block 37, Eleventh Ward, for taxes of 1870 with amount paid by W. B. Ogden twice for taxes of that year on lot No. 42, in the same block, and also to credit lots 55, 56, 57, in block 37, Eleventh Ward, for taxes of 1870, with amount paid by W. B. Ogden twice for taxes of that year on lots 25, 26 and 27 in the same block. On motion of Mayor O'Neill the report was received and resolution adopted.

The Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to which was referred, Dec. 15, 1871, the petition of Wm. Brinkerhoff, Attorney for owners of property on Palisade avenue, respectfully report and recommend the said communication be referred to the Board of Public Works, to examine into said assessment and take such action as may seem equitable and just to be done.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill the report was received, and recommendation of the Committee adopted.

The Committee on Taxation and Assessments, submitting writs of certiorari in matter of assessment for taxes on property of Railroad and Canal Companies for taxes, reported that they had suspended sale for taxes of all property assessed to said Companies, and since that time proper entries have been made in the schedules of sale by the City Collector, by the advice of the City Attorney, and the Committee recommend that the said writs be referred to the City Attorney for such action as may be deemed necessary.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill the report was received and recommendation adopted.

The Committee on Finance reported they had reduced the loans to \$125,000, and that instructions had been given to the Comptroller and Treasurer to pay the interest on outstanding loans to January 1 proximo.

On motion of Commissioner Gillett the report was received and the action of the committee confirmed.

Claim of John W. Harrison, \$508 45, for stationery, bonds, &c., having been audited by the committee and found correct, Commissioner Carnes offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of John W. Harrison for \$508 45 for stationery, bonds, &c.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Pritchard, Commissioners Farrier, Gillett and Carnes.

Nays—Mayor O'Neill.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By President Pritchard:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in payment of any arrearages of salaries that may be due to the official newspapers of the city, for publishing the min-

utes of the different Boards to December 1, 1871.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

By Commissioner Carnes:

Resolved, That warrants be drawn in favor of the Times Printing Co., Pangborn, Dunning & Dear, John H. Lyon, the publishers of the Watch on the Hudson, for \$2,500 each, on account of advertisement of sales of lands for arrears of taxes, water rents and assessments for the years 1865-66-67-68-69 and 70.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

By Mayor O'Neill:

Resolved, That the Collector of Revenue be authorized to pay to the County Collector the amount of the State and County taxes in such amounts and at such times as the money may appear to the credit of such account under the direction of the Committee on Finance of this Board.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

By Commissioner Farrier:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer, in favor of Mrs. Mary Liston, for \$36.00, for services in cleaning offices in the City Hall, from November 20 to December 20, 1871.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

By President Pritchard:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer for payment of salaries of Mayor, Comptroller, Treasurer, City Attorney, and the different clerks under the control of this Board for the month of December, 1871, and the assessors and assistant assessors for balance of salary, as follows:

Charles H. O'Neill, \$250, salary as Mayor; Ezra A. Carman, \$333 33, salary as Comptroller; Josiah Hornblower, \$250, salary as City Treasurer; Jonathan Dixon, Jr., \$250, salary as City Attorney; Wm. Stevens, \$150, salary as Clerk to the Comptroller; A. D. Hamilton, \$150, salary as clerk to the City Collector; Robert Hutton, \$133 33, salary as clerk to the Board of Finance and Taxation, as well as clerk to the Mayor; H. S. Lord, \$100, salary as clerk in the Collector's office; John N. Hoyt, \$100, as clerk in the Collector's office; John Creech, Jr., \$100, salary as clerk in the Collector's office; J. H. Clough, \$100, salary as clerk in the Collector's office; A. I. Sears, \$100, salary as clerk in the Collector's office; Thomas K. Halstead, \$125, salary as clerk in the City Clerk's Office; and Nicholas E. Feury, \$100, as clerk in the City Clerk's office; Peter J. Hanley, \$58 33, salary as City Hall messenger and page to the Board of Finance and Taxation, as well as to the Board of Police Commissioners. A. W. Marinus, \$100 salary as clerk in the Collector's office; J. J. Slater, \$100 salary as clerk in the Collector's office; Martin Finck, \$100 as clerk in the Collector's office; Frank Woods, \$175 salary as clerk in the Collector's office; Weston Halsey, \$100 salary as clerk in the Collector's office; J. P. Van Court, \$72 salary as distributor of tax and assessment bills.

Samuel Pearson, \$85 91, balance of salary due as assessor; P. H. Laverty, \$88 91, balance of salary as assessor; Joseph Acton, \$88 91, balance of salary due as assessor; G. P. Robinson, \$88 91, balance of salary due as assessor; James M. Newkirk, \$88 91, balance of salary due as assessor; A. A. Woodward, \$88 91, balance of salary due as assessor; William L. Jones, \$44 47, balance of salary due as assistant assessor; B. Shackleton, \$44 47, balance of salary due as assistant assessor; S. W. Stilsing, \$44 47, balance of salary due as assistant assessor; John K. Martin, \$44 47, balance of salary due as assistant assessor; Theodore F. Merseles, \$44 47, balance of salary due as assistant assessor; Nicholas Werther,



\$44 47, balance of salary due as assistant assessor.

The ayes and nays having been called for, the resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—All the members present.

By Commissioner Gillett and adopted, that this board do now adjourn.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.





Special meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation at their rooms, City Hall, Saturday, Dec. 23, at half-past 7 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Pritchard, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Farrier and Carnes.

Absent—Commissioner Gillett.

The President announced that this meeting had been called for the purpose of considering a communication from the First National Bank of this city directed to the Comptroller and Treasurer relative to bonds.

Commissioner Carnes moved that this communication be referred to the Committee on Fi-

nance to take such action in the matter as in their judgment would seem best.

The motion was adopted.

Mayor O'Neill moved that the Committee on Finance be authorized to set apart the sum of \$75,000, to pay coupons due January 1, 1872. The motion was adopted.

By Commissioner Carnes and adopted:

That this Board do now adjourn.

ROBT. HUTTON, Clerk.



Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation at their rooms. City Hall, Friday, December 29, 1871, at half-past seven o'clock P. M.

Present—President Pritchard, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Farrier, Gillett and Carnes.

Absent—None.

The reading of the minutes of the two last meetings was dispensed with, and on motion of Commissioner Gillett, they were approved as printed.

#### PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition from J. Francis McCoy, to have payment credited to lots No. 106 and 112, was, on motion of Mayor O'Neill, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition of G. F. Howell, to refund to him, the sum of \$21.28 erroneously paid, was, on motion of Commissioner Gillett, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

#### REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS.

Comptroller's report for the week ending Dec. 29, 1871, was, on motion of Commissioner Carnes, received and ordered on file.

#### REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported that they had made arrangements with the First National Bank to provide (\$75,000), seventy-five thousand dollars, to pay coupons due January 1, 1872, and they thought arrangements could be made for an additional loan from the Hudson County National Bank, and that coupons would be paid at the Fourth National Bank of New York and the First National Bank of Jersey City.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill the report was received and the Committee was authorized to make such arrangements as to them may seem best.

The Committee on Finance reported the sale of six (6) one thousand dollars, 7 per cent water scrip, twenty-year bonds to John Roach & Son.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill, the report was received and the action of the Committee confirmed.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill, the Committee on Finance was authorized to negotiate bonds to any person having any claims against the city—if they so desire it.

By Commissioner Carnes:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of the First National Bank for \$1,539.21 to take up check of Mrs. Painter, deposited by the Treasurer and returned protested.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Pritchard, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Farrier and Carnes.

Nays—Commissioner Gillett

Mayor O'Neill moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the resolution was adopted.

The ayes and nays having been called for by Commissioner Carnes, the motion was lost by the following vote:

Ayes—Mayor O'Neill and Commissioner Gillett.

Nays—President Pritchard, Commissioners Farrier and Carnes.

The Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to which was referred Dec. 22, 1871, the petition of the Trustees of the Centenary M. E. Church for relief from taxation of their property, report and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Collector be directed to cancel the taxes of 1869 and 1870 levied against lots 12, 13 and 14, Pavonia avenue, in block 358, belonging since September, 1869, to the Centenary M. E. Church, and used for church purposes.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill, the report of the Committee was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Taxation and Assessments to which was referred, December 22, 1871, the petition of T. F. Morris, Treasurer of Bethel church, Eighth street, for exemption from taxes, report and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Collector be directed to cancel the taxes of 1870, levied against property in South Eighth street, between Grove and Prospect street, called the South Eighth Street Bethel, the said property being used for church purposes.

On motion of Commissioner Gillett the report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to which was referred Dec. 22, 1871, the petition of Celia Kemp to have refunded taxes of 1869, paid Nov. 3, 1871, report and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Celia Kemp for twenty-two dollars and ninety-nine cents to refund taxes of 1869, and penalty paid Nov. 3, 1871, on lots 21 and 22 Coles street, in block 327, the taxes of 1869 having been previously paid Dec 18, 1869.

On motion of Commissioner Gillett the report was received and resolution adopted.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Wm. W. Farrier, \$71 51, work at City Hall, was, on motion referred to special committee: claim of Journal of Commerce, \$2 25 for advertising, was, on motion, referred to Committee on Printing and Stationery.

By Alderman Pritchard—

Resolved. That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer, in favor of the official newspapers of the city, for printing the minutes of the several Boards of the city government for December, 1871.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Pritchard, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Farrier, Gillett and Carnes.

Nays—None.

By Mayor O'Neill and adopted:

That this Board do now adjourn.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.



Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, at their rooms, City Hall, Friday, January 5, 1872, at 1½ o'clock, p. m.

In the absence of the President, the Board was called to order by the Clerk.

Present—Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Farrier, Gillett and Carnes.

Absent—President Pritchard.

On motion of Commissioner Gillett, Commissioner Farrier was appointed President pro tempore.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

#### PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of John V. H. Van Reyper, to have amount of assessment bill for the intersection of Newkirk street and Bergen avenue remitted, the same being an overcharge on the number of feet, was, on motion of Mayor O'Neill, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition of John H. Kenney to have amount of tax cancelled, as he had paid the same in New York, December 13, 1871, was, on motion of Commissioner Gillett, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition of Robert C. Walker, to refund amount of tax on lot 13, block 512, the said tax having been paid by mistake, was, on motion of Commissioner Gillett, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Communication from the City Attorney, in regard to the painter, Newkirk, check for taxes, &c. was, on motion of Commissioner Carnes, received and filed.

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS

Claim of John Gorman \$156, for delivering tax bills was reported correct by the Committee on Claims for \$117; claim of Wm. W. Farrier \$71 51, for work at City Hall, having been audited by the committee and found correct.

Commissioner Carnes offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of John Gorman \$117, for delivering tax bills, and William W. Farrier \$71 51, for work at City Hall.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President pro tem, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

Absent—President Pritchard.

#### REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS.

The Treasurer reported having deposited, since January 1, 1872, in the First National Bank, the sum of \$114,304 56. This amount, including balance in bank December 31, 1871, leaving the sum of about \$12,000 still due to clear coupon and registered interest account of January 1, 1872, approximating the outstanding warrants unpaid at \$35,000. The amount on deposit in the Hudson County National Bank is \$420.

On motion of Commissioner Carnes, the report was received and ordered on file.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Finance.—Committee on Finance reported that they had made arrangements with the First National Bank of Jersey City to provide for the payment of interest due January 1, 1872, and that \$97,489 had been paid on interest and \$3,100 in bonds. The committee also stated that a party had waited on them for the purpose of purchasing five \$1,000 seven per cent. Jersey City Twenty year Bonds.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill, the Committee on Finance were authorized to negotiate said sale of bonds.

#### TAXATION AND ASSESSMENT.

The Committee of Taxation and Assessments to which was referred June 30, 1871, the petition of Ebenezer King, for allowance for damages done on his property in improvement of Brunswick street, and to which was referred Sep. 6, 1871, the remonstrance of Edward Coles and others against the payment of assessment on property of Estate of Wm. F. Coles, for damages caused by change of grade at the intersection of South Fourth and Brunswick streets, respectfully report that upon investigation they find that the Board of Aldermen, March 2, 1871, confirmed the assessment for damages caused by change of grade at intersection of South Fourth and Brunswick str. et, and ordered the assessment filed with the Collector for collection; and your committee report that since the presentation of said papers they have made inquiry from City Clerk in regard to proceedings of former Board of Aldermen in this matter, and letters from City Attorney advising the course necessary to complete all unfinished business. Your committee respectfully report adverse, both to remonstrance and petition and recommended the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Board of Public Works be requested to proceed in the manner defined by law, to pay the awards made by Commissioners of Assessments for damages done by change of grade, at intersection of South Fourth and Brunswick streets, confirmed by Board of Aldermen, March 2, 1871.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill the report of the Committee was received and the resolution adopted. The Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to which was referred December 29, 1871, the petition of George P. Howell, agent, to have refunded taxes of 1871, paid on lot 10, Cherry lane, in block 597, and which was erroneously assessed, respectfully report that taxes so paid cannot now be refunded. Mr. Howell should have appealed to the Commissioners of Appeal before payment. On motion of Commissioner Gillett the report was received and the action of the Committee confirmed.

The Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to which was referred the petition of Patrick Reilly to have refunded taxes of 1870, paid in error, the property having been erroneously assessed, respectfully report in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioner, and recommended the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Patrick Reilly for eighty-one dollars and twelve cents (\$81 12) to refund taxes of 1870, paid December 15, 1870, on No. 328 or part 15, South Seventh street, on block 351, the said property having been erroneously assessed.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill, the report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to which was referred December 29, 1871, the petition of J. T. McCoy to have payment made for taxes of 1870 and water rents of 1871, paid on certain lots, credited to other lots, respectfully report that the water rents of 1871 have been credited as petitioned for by Mr. McCoy, but that the taxes of 1870 cannot be interfered with. Mr. McCoy cannot be relieved by any action of your honorable body.

On motion of Commissioner Gillett, the report was received and the action of the committee confirmed.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Times Printing Company, \$315 40 for advertising, and \$236 50 for job printing, was, on motion of Commissioner Carnes, referred to the Committee on Printing and Stationery.

Reports from City Clerk of publication of notice of expiration, Dec. 19, 1871, of time allowed for redemption of lands sold Dec. 19, 1869, by former City of Hudson for assessments, and of the same date for unpaid taxes, was, on motion of Commissioner Gillett, received and ordered on file.





## MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Commissioner Farrier, and adopted:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of John B. Coles for five dollars and forty-eight cent. (\$5.48), to refund sewerage tax of 1869-8, and penalty on lots 7 and 8, in block 359, paid Nov. 18, 1871, that said taxes having been previously paid June 19, 1867; also,

Resolved, That the City Collector be directed to cancel the taxes of 1870 against lots 15 and 16, North Eighth street, block 366, page 43 Assessors' book, Eighth Ward, in the taxes of that year having been paid Dec 10, 1870, on same lots, as appears on page 41 of said book, the Assessor for said year having erroneously assessed block 368, by number 366, on page 41, and said block 366, being assessed in part twice for the same year.

By Commissioner Carnes:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of John H. Lyon, Pangborn, Dunning & Dear, Times Printing Co., Hudson Co. German Publishing Association for \$2,020 20 each, in full payment for balance due for advertising sale of land for arrears of taxes for the years 1865 to 1870. The ayes and nays having been called for by Mayor O'Neill, the resolution was lost by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Farrier and Carnes.

Nays—Mayor O'Neill and Commissioner Gillett

Absent—President Pritchard.

By Mayor O'Neill, and adopted.

That this Board do now adjourn.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.



Special meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation at their rooms, City Hall, on Thursday, Jan. 11, 1872, at 6½ o'clock P. M.

Present—President Pritchard, Commissioners Farrier and Carnes.

Absent—Mayor O'Neill and Commissioner Gillett.

The President stated the object of the meeting was to adopt some means by which the Board could relieve the city from its present financial embarrassments.

The President also stated that he had received a proposition from the First National Bank of Jersey City, to take (\$1,000,000) one million 6 per cent. gold Improvement Bonds, payable thirty years hence, and he would, therefore, in connection with this proposition, submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That we accept the proposition of the First National Bank of Jersey City for the purchase of one million dollars of Improvement 6 per cent. gold bonds, having thirty years to run, the price of same to be 92½, and also the option of three million additional of same bonds at same price, to be issued in such sums and at such times as may be required during the year 1872, provided the issue of said bonds is legalized by the Legislature.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes — President Pritchard, Commissioners Farrier and Carnes.

Absent — Mayor O'Neill and Commissioner Gillett.

By President Pritchard:

Resolved, That the Committee of Finance be directed to issue a demand bond or bonds of the city, and the Mayor be directed to sign, and the City Clerk to sign and seal the same, for the sum of one million dollars, the said bond or bonds to be cancelled on the delivery of the above mentioned one million dollars, thirty year six per cent. improvement gold bonds.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes — President Pritchard, Commissioners Farrier and Carnes.

Absent — Mayor O'Neill and Commissioner Gillett.

By Commissioner Farrier, and adopted:

That this Board do now adjourn.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.









Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, at their rooms, City Hall, Friday, January 19, 1872, at 7½ o'clock p. m.

Present—President Pritchard, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Farrier and Carnes.  
Absent—Commissioner Gillett.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with, and, on motion of Commissioner Farrier, they were approved as printed.

#### PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of J. F. Stoneck, to have erroneous assessment of his property corrected, was, on motion of Mayor O'Neill, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition of D. S. Gregory, President of the Associates of the Jersey Co., to have bill of the Cunard Steamship Co. for \$5,422 41, that was left out of the settlement of their bills, returned, was, on motion of Mayor O'Neill, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition of Samuel D. Ellis, received from the Board of Public Works, January 14, 1872, for payment for cleaning City Hall, was, on motion of Commissioner Farrier, referred to the Committee on Claims.

Communication from A. K. Brown, in relation to the payment of warrants Nos. 24, 357, 363 and calling the immediate attention of the Board to this matter, was, on motion of Mayor O'Neill, referred to the Committee on Finance.

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

Claim of John W. Harrison, \$1,032 80 for stationery, printing, &c., having been audited and found correct, Commissioner Carnes offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of John W. Harrison, for \$1,032 80, for printing, stationery, &c.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Pritchard, Commissioners Farrier and Carnes.

Nay—Mayor O'Neill.

Absent—Commissioner Gillett.

#### REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS.

The Treasurer reported the following balances in bank for the week ending Friday, January 19, 1872, as follows:

Balance in First National Bank.....	\$6,002 54
Balance in Hudson County National Bank .....	2,318 16

Total .....

On motion of Commissioner Carnes, the report was received and ordered on file.

Comptroller's report, for the week ending January 19, 1872, was, on motion, received and filed.

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Finance Committee reported that they had waited on the Central National Bank of New York, in compliance with a request of H. Amy & Co., and they had refused to grant their request.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill the report was received and ordered on file.

The Committee on Finance also reported the issue of \$11,000 in bonds to Dr. Cornelison in exchange for warrants; John Roach & Son, \$6,000 ditto; H. R. Worthington, \$25,000 ditto; John Runkle, \$20,000 ditto; H. K. Thurber, \$5,000 of bonds for cash; also, Mr. Ward \$9,000 for cash. On motion of Commissioner Farrier, the report was received and action confirmed.

Report of the Committee on Finance to which was referred, January 12, 1872, the resolution of the Board of Public Works for \$11,584 73 for

the purpose of paying awards in the opening and extension of Jewett avenue, report and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Board issue bonds to the amount of \$11,584 73 for the purpose of paying awards in the opening and extension of Jewett avenue, from Monticello avenue to West Side avenue.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes All the members present.

#### TAXATION AND ASSESSMENTS.

Report of the Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to which was referred January 12, 1872, the petition of G. A. Elliott for correction of error in assessment for taxes of 1868 on certain property in block No. 362, respectfully report that the subject matter of this communication is beyond the control of your honorable body, and should have been corrected by Commissioners of Appeal for 1868. Your Committee, therefore, report adverse to granting the prayer of the petitioner.

On motion of Commissioner Farrier, the report was received and action of the Committee confirmed.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Pangborn, Dunning & Dear, \$137 93 for advertising, and Journal of Commerce, \$2 25 for advertising, was, on motion of Commissioner Farrier referred to the Committee on Printing and Stationery.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By President Pritchard and adopted.

Resolved, That the Committee of Finance be and are hereby authorized to advertise for the sale of \$1,000,000 20 years 7 per cent. bonds; bids to be accepted until Wednesday, 24th inst.

Mayor O'Neill presented a communication from Nathan Stephens, for the Patent Water and Gas Pipe Co. for (\$50,000) fifty thousand dollars of Jersey City 7 per cent, 20 years Water Scrip Bonds, at par and interest less 1 per cent.

Mayor O'Neill moved the bid be accepted and the Clerk be directed to notify Mr. Stephens of the action of the Board.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the motion was adopted by the following vote.

Ayes.—All the members present.

Commissioner Farrier moved that the resolution whereby the Committee on Finance were authorized to advertise for bids, be rescinded. The motion was adopted.

By Commissioner Farrier and adopted:

That the resolution lie upon table.

By Commissioner Farrier:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance of this Board, be empowered to negotiate the sale of \$1,000,000 Jersey City 7 per cent 20-year currency improvement bonds at par and accrued interest, less one per cent commission.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

Mayor O'Neill moved that the Committee on Finance be authorized to ascertain the amount of money to the credit of advertised tax sales in collector's office, and amount necessary to liquidate printing claims, &c., and report at next meeting.

The motion was adopted.

By Mayor O'Neill and adopted:

That this Board do now adjourn.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.





Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation at their rooms, City Hall, Friday, Jan. 26, 1872, at 7½ o'clock p. m.

Present—President Pritchard, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Farrier, Gillett and Carnes.

Absent—None.

The reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and, on motion of Commissioner Gillett, they were approved as printed.

#### PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition from J. O. Osborn, Son, for the correction of an error in assessment of personal property was, on motion of Commissioner Gillett, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Communication from the City Attorney, enclosing three orders from the Supreme Court of the State in the matter of sale of property, &c. James and Sarah Flemming vs. the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City and the Board of Finance and Taxation, and submitting the following resolution:

Resolved, That in accordance with the orders of Hon. J. D. Bedle, Justice of the Supreme Court, dated Jan. 17, 1872, further proceedings in reference to the sale of lot 112, in block 139, of the city map of Jersey City; lots 44, 46, 48 and 50, in block 527, fronting on Oxford avenue; lot No. 78, in block 555, on the Bergen Point Plank Road, and lot's No. 13 and 15 in block No. 119, on Soper's map of the Town of Bergen; being lots 5, 7 and 9, in block 413, in Bergen City map, for the arrears of taxes, water rents and assessments, for the years 1865, 1866, 1867, 1868, 1869 and 1870, be stayed until further orders. On motion of Mayor O'Neill the communication was received and the resolution adopted.

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the Times Printing Company, \$315 40, for advertising, also \$236 50 for job printing, having been audited by the Committee, and found correct, Commissioner Carnes offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered on the City Treasurer in favor of the Times Printing Company for \$315 40 for advertising, and \$236 50 for job printing.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

#### REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Treasurer reported the balances in the bank for the week, ending Friday, January 26, 1872, as follows:

Balance in First National Bank, general account	\$131,810 53
Balance in Hudson County National Bank, general account	87,528 20
Balance in First National Bank, sinking fund	6,823 87
Total	\$226,162 60

On motion of Mayor O'Neill, the report was received and ordered on file.

Comptroller's report for the week, ending July 26, 1872, was received and filed.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Commissioner Carnes reported the sale of \$250,000 of bonds, and exchange of \$30,000 to John Runkel, and he would also state that he had waited on the Collector of Taxes in conformity with a motion passed at last meeting, to find out the amount collected on account of advertising to date, and it amounted to the sum of seven thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars and eighty-nine cents (7,750 89).

On motion of Commissioner Gillett the report of the committee was received and their action confirmed.

Mayor O'Neill reported the sale of an additional \$300,000 as follows: \$250,000 to Hudson Co. Bank, and \$50,000 to D. A. Moran. On motion of Commissioner Gillett the report was received and action confirmed.

Mayor O'Neill moved that the balance of the sale of (\$50,000) fifty thousand to Mr. Nathan Stephens to be canceled.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the motion was adopted by the following vote.

Ayes—All the members present.

By President Pritchard:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer for the payment of salaries of Mayor, Comptroller, City Treasurer, City Attorney, and the different clerks under the control of the Board, for the month of January, 1872, for the following amounts, viz.: Charles H. O'Neill, \$250, salary as Mayor; Ezra A. Carman, \$333 34, salary as Comptroller; Josiah Hornblower, \$250, salary as City Treasurer; Jonathan Dixon, Jr., \$250, salary as City Attorney; Wm. Stevens, \$150, salary as clerk to the Comptroller; Robert Hutton, \$133 34, salary as Clerk to the Board of Finance and Taxation as well as clerk to the Mayor; A. D. Hamilton, \$50, salary as clerk to the city collector; Justus Slater, \$100 salary as clerk in the collector's office; John N. Hoyt, \$100 salary as clerk in the collector's office; John Creech, Jr., \$100 salary as clerk in the collector's office; A. L. Sears, \$100 as clerk in the collector's office; Weston Halsey, \$100 salary as clerk in the collector's office; A. W. Marinus, \$100 salary as clerk in the collector's office; Martin Fink, \$100 salary as clerk in the collector's office; Henry S. Lord, \$100 salary as clerk in the collector's office; Frank Wood, \$175 salary as clerk in the collector's office; J. P. Van Court, \$42 salary as distributor of tax bills for 14 days; J. H. Cough, \$100 salary as clerk in the collector's office; Thomas K. Halstead, \$125 salary as clerk in city clerk's office; Nicholas E. Feury \$100, salary as clerk in City Clerk's office, also Mary Liston \$36, for cleaning City Hall for December, 1871; Peter J. Hanley \$55 53, salary as City Hall messenger and page to the Board of Finance and Taxation as well as to the Board of Police Commissioners; and the official newspapers as follows: American Standard \$250, for printing minutes; Evening Journal \$250, for printing minutes; and Jersey City Times \$250, for printing minutes, also Wacht on the Hudson \$250, all for printing minutes for January.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

By Commissioner Carnes:

Resolved, That a warrant or warrants, be drawn on the City Treasurer for the purpose of paying the State and County taxes, due from Jersey City for 1871.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

By Mayor O'Neill and adopted:

That this Board do now adjourn.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.





Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation at their rooms, City Hall, Friday, Feb. 2, 1872, at 7½ o'clock, p. m.

Present—President Pritchard, Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Farrier, Gillett and Carnes. Absent—None.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with, and on motion of Commissioner Gillett, they were approved as printed.

#### PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND APPLICATIONS.

Petitor of John Guinan, to have tax bill corrected and error rectified, was, on motion of Commissioner Farrier, ordered returned to the petitioner, as this Board has no jurisdiction in the matter.

#### REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS.

Comptroller's report for the week ending Feb. 2, 1872, was, on motion, received and filed.

City Treasurer reported the following balance in the bank for the week ending February 2, 1872:

Balance in First National Bank.....	\$161,983 46
Balance in the Hudson County National Bank.....	53,542 52

Total..... \$219,525 98

On motion of Commissioner Farrier, the report was received and ordered on file.

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

Commissioner Carnes, on the part of the Committee on Finance, reported the sale of \$150,000 of bonds to the Trenton Banking Company, \$125,000 to D. Moran and \$10,000 to Charles H. O'Neill; also the payment of the following amounts, State and county tax on account, \$100,000; Hudson County Bank, \$50,000 and First National, \$100,000.

On motion of Commissioner Gillett the report was received, and the action of the Committee confirmed.

Commissioner Carnes presented a proposal from M. Lienau & Co., for five hundred thousand Jersey City 7 per cent. currency bonds, at par with accrued interest, less 1 per cent. brokerage.

President Pritchard moved that M. Lienau & Co. be allowed to have \$288,000 at the price named in his proposal.

Commissioner Farrier amended the motion, by referring the whole matter to the Committee on Finance.

The ayes and nays having been called for by President Pritchard, the amendment was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Commissioners Farrier, Gillett and Carnes.

Nays—President Pritchard and Mayor O'Neill.

The report of the Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to which was referred, January 26, 1872, the petition of J. Osborn & Son, for relief from payment of taxes of 1871, levied on personal property, respectfully report that your honorable body have no authority under the charter to grant any relief in matters of this kind.

The petitioner should have made complaint to Commissioners of Appeals for this year at the proper time.

On motion of Commissioner Carnes, the report was received, and the action of the committee confirmed.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of J. B. Cleveland, \$1,400, for interest, was, on motion of Commissioner Farrier, referred to the Committee on Claims.

By Commissioner Carnes:

Resolved, That of the moneys derived from sale of bonds, authorized by resolution of Jan. 19, 1872, the Comptroller be directed to credit reconstruction account with the sum of \$200,000, one half of said sum to streets and the other half to sewers, in accordance with resolution from Board of Public Works, presented Dec. 8, 1871, and that when the balance (\$286,000) of loan of \$1,000,000, authorized Jan. 19, 1872, is sold, \$200,000 shall be issued under Section 71 of the City Charter, and the balance under Section 156, being the same section under which the part of said \$1,000,000 sold has already been issued.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Pritchard and Commissioners Farrier, Gillett and Carnes. Nays—Mayor O'Neill.

By Commissioner Farrier and adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing and Stationery are hereby authorized to have the necessary number of warrant books printed for use in City Clerk's office.

By Mayor O'Neill, and adopted:  
That this Board do now adjourn.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.



Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation at the rooms, City Hall, Friday, February 9, 1872, at 7½ o'clock p. m.

Present—President Pritchard, Commissioners Gillett, Farrier and Carnes. Absent—Mayor O'Neill.

The reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and, on motion of Com. Gillett they were approved as printed.

#### PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of J. Francis McCoy to have payment of taxes on lots 106, 108, 110 and 112, corrected on books of City Collector was, on motion of Commissioner Carnes, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Communication from J. Dixon, Jr., City Attorney, calling attention to the fact that, according to section 27 of the city charter, his official term ends on March 1, next, and that the Board should name his successor; also declining a re-appointment.

On motion of Commissioner Gillett, the communication was received and laid on the table.

Communication from James H. Love, Collector of Revenue, transmitting a copy of order received on 3d inst., from Supreme Court, at the suit of the Jersey City and Bergen Railroad Co., setting aside the assessment levied against said company, on improvement of Monticello avenue, was, on motion of Commissioner Gillett, received and ordered on file.

Communication or protest from Wm. Kottmeier, December 21, 1871, to the City Collector, stating that he had paid \$14 80 on tax bill, and now entered his protest, as he did not consider the city, county or State entitled to the amount claimed, having removed from New York to Jersey City in May last, and consequently residing in the city only six months, was, on motion of Commissioner Gillett, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

#### REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS.

The Treasurer reported the following balances in the bank for the week ending Friday, February 9, 1872:

Balance in First National Bank.....	\$14,633 33
Balance in Hudson County National Bank.....	94,175 76
Total .....	\$236,812 09

On motion of Commissioner Gillett, the report was received and ordered on file.

Comptroller's report for the week ending Feb. 9, 1872, was, on motion of Commissioner Gillett, received and ordered on file.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of James R. Whyte, \$11, for two loads of wood, was, on motion of Commissioner Gillett, referred to the Special Committee.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Commissioner Carnes reported a sale, to M. Lienau & Co., \$286,000 20 year 7 per cent. Jersey City bonds; \$200,000 issued under section 7, the balance under section 156; also paid balance of county tax to the amount of \$138,271 70; the report was, on motion of Commissioner Gillett, received, and action of the committee confirmed.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

By President Pritchard, and adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be authorized to borrow from the general account money sufficient to pay the balance due on printing of tax sales, the same to be repaid out of the amount of results of tax sales.

By President Pritchard, and adopted:

Resolve, That warrants be ordered drawn in favor of the Evening Journal, Times Printing Company, American Standard and Watch on the Hudson, \$2,020 20 each, balance due for printing tax sales.

By President Pritchard, and adopted:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn in favor of J. B. Cleveland for (\$1,400) fourteen hundred dollars, being amount of interest due on money held by city for improvement of West Grand street, as per contract on file in Comptroller's office.

By President Pritchard, and adopted:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of John K. Martin for \$62 22, balance of salary due as Assistant Assessor for Fourth District, and in favor of B. Shackleton for \$28 95, balance of salary due as Assistant Assessor for the Second District.

By Commissioner Gillett, and adopted:

That this Board do now adjourn.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.





Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, at their rooms, City Hall, Friday, February 16, 1872, at 7½ o'clock p. m.

Present—President Pritchard, Commissioners Gillett and Carnes.

Absent—Mayor O'Neill and Commissioner Farrier. The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with, and on motion of Commissioner Gillett, they were approved as printed.

#### PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from John Kennel relative to the bond and interest now due and held by the Township of Greenville, was, on motion of Commissioner Gillett, referred to the Committee on Finance.

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

Claim of James R. Whyte, \$11 for two loads of wood, having been audited by the Special Committee and found correct, Commissioner Carnes offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of James R. Whyte for \$11 for two loads of wood.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—All the members present.

#### REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS.

The Treasurer reported the balances in the bank for the week ending Friday, February 16, 1872, to be as follows :

Balance in the First National Bank.....	\$113,938.91
Balance in the Hudson Co. National Bank.....	47,321.72
Total.....	\$161,260.63

On motion of Commissioner Gillett, the report was received and ordered on file

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Report of the Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to which was referred, Feb. 9, 1872, the pro-

test from W. Kothmeier against payment of taxes of 1871, levied against chattels, which tax (\$14.30) was paid by him Dec. 21, 1871, respectfully report that the payment of said tax is, in the opinion of the City Attorney, final and without any reservation, and cannot be refunded.

On motion of Commissioner Carnes, the report was received and the action of the committee confirmed

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claims of John W. Harrison, \$740.35, for stationery, &c.; Times Printing Company, \$147, for advertising, was, on motion of Commissioner Gillett, referred to the Committee on Printing and Stationery.

Claims of Wm. W. Farrier, \$10.70, for work on City Hall, and George Wood, \$69, coal for City Hall, was, on motion of Commissioner Carnes, referred to the Special Committee.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Presented by Commissioner Farrier :

Resolved, That the sale made by the former City of Bergen, March 7, 1870, for assessment for improvement of West Side avenue, from Newark Plank Road to West End, of lot 315 or 5, and one-half lot, 317 or 7, Stuyvesant avenue, in block 178, be cancelled of record by the City Clerk, for the reason that the assessment was paid to collector, and that the sum of \$7.25, with interest thereon, at the rate of fifteen per cent. per annum, be paid to G. Vreeland, the purchaser, on his surrender to the City Clerk for cancelment, the declaration of sale of said lots. The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Ayes—All the members present.

By Commissioner Gillett, and adopted : That the Board do no v adjourn.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.



Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, at their rooms, City Hall, Friday, February 23, 1872, at 7½ o'clock p. m.

In the absence of the President, the Board was called to order by the Clerk.

Present—Commissioners Gillett and Carnes.

Absent—President Pritchard, Mayor O'Neill and Commissioner Farrer.

Less than a quorum being present the meeting was adjourned to Monday evening, February 26, 1872, at 7½ o'clock.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.



An adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, at their rooms, City Hall, Monday, February 26, 1872, at 7½ o'clock p. m.

Present—President Pritchard, Commissioners Gillett and Carnes.

Absent—Mayor O'Neill and Commissioner Farrier.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with, and on motion of Commissioner Gillett, they were approved as printed.

#### PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Bernard Harney to have excessive taxation on his property reduced, was, on motion of Commissioner Carnes, laid on the table.

The petition of Nicholas Tiedeman to have tax on his store, on West Newark avenue, reduced to five hundred dollars, was, on motion of Commissioner Gillett, ordered returned, and the clerk was authorized to state to the petitioners that this Board has no jurisdiction in the matter.

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

Claims of George Wood, \$69, for coal for City Hall, and Wm. W. Farrier, \$10 70, for work on City Hall, having been audited by the Committee and found correct, Commissioner Gillett offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of George Wood for (\$69) sixty-nine dollars, for coal for City Hall, and (\$10 70) ten dollars and seventy cents to Wm. W. Farrier, for work done by him on City Hall.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

#### REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS.

The City Treasurer reported balances in the bank for the week ending Friday, February 23, 1872, to be as follows:

Balance in First National Bank.....	\$93,965 11
Balance in Hudson County National Bank.....	35,425 13

Total.....\$129,390 24

On motion of Commissioner Gillett it was received and ordered on file.

The Comptroller's report for the week ending Friday, February 23, 1872, was, on motion of Commissioner Gillett, received and ordered on file.

The President stated that an error existed in the Comptroller's report, but he would have it corrected next meeting night or reconsidered.

Commissioner Gillett said that if that was the case he would move a reconsideration of the vote by which the report was to be approved and placed on file. The motion was adopted.

On motion of Commissioner Gillett, the report was then ordered returned to the Comptroller for correction.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Committee on Finance reported that upon investigation they found the bond and interest due the Township of Greenville correct, and he would offer in connection with this matter the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer for (\$1,103 11) one thou-

sand one hundred and three dollars and eleven cents, for bond and interest due the Township of Greenville, New Jersey.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claims of Jersey City Gas Light Company, \$292 08 for gas consumed in City Hall from Oct. 1 to January 1, 1872; also James H. Love, \$7 50 to cash paid Mrs. Johnson for five days work in Collector's office, were, on motion of Commissioner Carnes, referred to the Special Committee; claims of Evening Post \$5 10, for advertising, and claims of Times Printing Co. \$84, for advertising, and Times Printing Co. \$53 for advertising, were, on motion of Commissioner Gillett, referred to the Committee on Printing and Stationery.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Commissioner Gillett and adopted, That when this Board shall adjourn, it shall adjourn to meet one week from next Friday evening, or Friday evening, March 9, 1872, at 7½ o'clock.

By President Pritchard:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer for the payment of salaries of Mayor, Comptroller, City Treasurer, City Attorney, and the different clerks under the control of the Board, for the month of February, 1872, for the following amounts, viz: Charles H. O'Neill, \$250, salary as Mayor; Ezra A. Carman, \$333 34, salary as Comptroller; Josiah Hornblower, \$250, salary as City Treasurer; Jonathan Dixon, Jr., \$250, salary as City Attorney; Wm. Stevens, \$150, salary as clerk to the Comptroller; Robert Hutton, \$133 34 salary as Clerk to the Board of Finance and Taxation as well as clerk to the Mayor; A. D. Hamilton, \$150, salary as clerk to the City Collector; Justus Slater, \$100, salary as clerk in the Collector's office; John N. Hoyt, \$100, salary as clerk in the Collector's office; John Creech, Jr., \$100, salary as clerk in the Collector's office; A. L. Sears, \$100, salary as clerk in the Collector's office; Weston Halsey, \$100, salary as clerk in the Collector's office; A. W. Marinus, \$100, salary as clerk in the Collector's office; Martin Fink, \$100, salary as clerk in the Collector's office; Henry S. Lord, \$100, salary as clerk in the Collector's office; Frank Wood, \$175, salary as clerk in the Collector's office; J. H. Clough, \$100, salary as clerk in the collector's office; Thomas K. Halstead, \$125, salary as clerk in city clerk's office; Nicholas E. Perry, \$100, salary as clerk in city clerk's office; Peter J. Hanley, \$58 33, salary as city hall messenger and page to the Board of Finance and Taxation as well as to the Board of Police Commissioners; also Mary Liston, \$36 for cleaning City Hall.

Also to the official newspapers for the following amounts: Evening Journal, \$250; American Standard, \$250; Jersey City Times, \$250; and Watch on the Hudson, \$250; being salaries due these papers for printing the minutes for the month of February, 1872.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes—All the members present.

By Commissioner Gillett, and adopted, That this Board do now adjourn.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.





Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, at their rooms, City Hall, Friday evening, March 8, 1872, at 7½ o'clock.

Present—Commissioner Farrier.

Absent—President Pritchard, Commissioners Gillett and Carnes and Mayor O'Neill.

Less than a quorum being present, on motion of Commissioner Farrier the Board was adjourned to Friday, March 15, 1872, at 7½ o'clock p. m.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.



An adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, at their rooms, City Hall, Friday, March 15, 1872, at 7½ o'clock p. m.  
Present—Commissioners Farrier and Gillett.

Absent—President Pritchard, Mayor O'Neill and Commissioner Carnes.

Less than a quorum being present, the meeting was adjourned to Friday next, at 7½ o'clock p. m.  
ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.





Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation at their rooms, City Hall, Friday, March 22, 1872, at 7½ o'clock p. m.

Present—President Pritchard and Commissioners Farrier and Carnes.

Absent—Mayor O'Neill and Commissioner Gillett.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with, and, on motion of Commissioner Farrier, they were approved as printed.

#### PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition from C. M. Coleman in regard to tax, for remission, &c., was, on motion of Commissioner Carnes, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition from Jacob Stoffer, to have refunded \$100 paid on the vacation of a street, was, on motion of Commissioner Farrier, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Communication from the cashier of the Union Bank of Jersey City for \$53.20, money paid on capital stock of bank, the same having been paid by E. Isbills of Bayonne City, N. J., was, on motion of Commissioner Farrier, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition from E. A. Jacques, executor, to have assessment corrected on his property, was, on motion of Commissioner Farrier, referred to the Committee on Claims.

Petition of Keeney & Halladay, to have amount of money that was over paid on Tax and Water Rents restored to them—was, on motion of Commissioner Carnes, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

An affidavit of Bernard Harney's, relative to exemption from taxation of his property, was presented by Commissioner Farrier, and referred to the Committee on Claims.

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

Claims of Times Printing Company, \$55 for printing and \$147 for advertising, also \$84 for advertising; John W. Harrison, \$740 35 for stationery; Pangborn, Dunning & Dear, \$137 90 for printing and advertising; John H. Lyon, \$90 40 for printing; Jersey City Gaslight Company, \$292 08 for gas consumed in City Hall, and James Love, \$7 50 to cash paid for cleaning office in City Hall. The above claims having been audited by their respective committees, and found correct, Commissioner Carnes offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the Times Printing Company, \$55 for printing and \$231 for advertising; John W. Harrison, \$740 35 for stationery; Pangborn, Dunning & Dear, \$137 90 for printing and advertising; John H. Lyon, \$90 40 for printing; Jersey City Gaslight Company, \$292 08 for gas consumed in City Hall from Oct. 1 to Jan. 1, 1872, and James Love, \$7 50 to cash paid for cleaning office in City Hall.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

#### REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS.

A communication was read from the City Attorney, relative to the suit of the International Life Insurance and Trust Company, in the matter of their tax of 1870, that was removed into the Supreme Court by certiorari, the result, &c., &c., and submitting the following resolution:

Resolved, That on the payment by the International Life Insurance and Trust Company, of the sum of \$2,381 25, with interest and penalties for the tax of the year 1870, the collector be and he is hereby authorized and directed to cancel the tax of that year, against said company, and on payment by it of the sum of \$1,564 42, with interest and penalties for the tax for the year 1871, the Collector be and he is hereby authorized and directed to cancel the tax of that year against said company.

On motion of Commissioner Farrier, the communication was received and the resolution adopted.

The Clerk to the Board of Public Works submitted the following certified copy of a resolution passed by that Board, March 12, 1872, and approved by his Honor the Mayor, March 1872.

Resolved, That the Board of Finance and Taxation be and are hereby directed to borrow in anticipation of the collection of the assessment the amount of twelve thousand seven hundred and fifty-two dollars and seventy-eight cents, (\$12,752 78), for payment of awards for the opening of Clinton avenue, was, on motion of Commissioner Carnes, received and the resolution adopted.

Comptroller's report for the week ending March 15, 1872, was received and ordered on file:

The Treasurer reported balance in the bank for the week ending Friday, March 22, 1872, to be as follows:

Balance in First National Bank.....	\$18,268 26
Balance in Hudson Co. National Bank..	6,917 74

Total.....	\$25,186 00
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On motion of Commissioner Carnes, the report was received and ordered on file.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Report of the Committee on Taxation and Assessments to which was referred Dec 8, 1871, the petition of Thomas M. Abel for correction of errors in assessment for taxes of 1869 and 1870, on property belonging to said Abel, respectfully report that your committee have directed the collector to adjust the assessment for taxes of 1870, which has been done by said officer to the satisfaction of Mr. Abel.

In matter of assessment for taxes of 1869, your committee find an erroneous assessment against property of said Abel, and recommend its cancellation.

Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the action of the Committee on Taxation and Assessments, in adjusting assessment for taxes of 1870, on property of Thomas Abel, be confirmed.

Resolved, That the City Clerk be authorized to cancel the sale, for taxes in 1869, assessed against part of plot 4, Newkirk street, Thomas Slater, in block 189 former city of Bergen, the said taxes having been erroneously assessed. On motion of Commissioner Carnes, the report was received and the resolution adopted.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claims of Pangborn, Dunning & Dear, \$585 50 for advertising; John H. Lyon, \$404 20 for advertising and printing; and Evening Post, \$5 10, for advertising, was, on motion of Commissioner Carnes, referred to the Committee on Printing and Stationery.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

A certified copy of an act increasing limitation of issue of Jersey City Water Scrip, or a supplement to an act entitled "An act to re-organize the local government of Jersey City, passed March 31, 1871," was presented from the Secretary of State.

On motion of Commissioner Carnes, it was received and ordered on file in the City Clerk's office.

By Commissioner Carnes:

Resolved, That coupon bonds to the amount of five hundred thousand dollars be issued by the Mayor and City Clerk, under the corporate seal of the city, the said bonds to be denominated "Jersey City Water Scrip," to be dated April 1, 1872, and drawn payable in thirty years from their date, with interest at the rate of seven per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, the said to be sold at par, and interest less one per cent commission, and issued under section 80 of the City Charter and amendment to said section, approved March 8, 1872.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

Submitted by Commissioner Gillett:

Resolved, That the City Treasurer is hereby authorized, under the direction of the City Attorney, to transfer, by assignment, to any person or persons who will pay the amount due



thereon, any declaration of sale issued to said Treasurer at sale made March 13, 1872, for unpaid taxes, water rents, or sewerage taxes, provided that in the opinion of the City Attorney such action is admissible under the present charter.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

The Clerk notified the Board that he had been served with a notice from the Supreme Court, allowing certiorari and staying proceedings relative to the Harrison estate. The State (Dudley S. Gregory, John M. Cornelison, Jacob Van Winkle and Job Falkenburgh, plaintiffs in certiorari) vs. the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, defendants in certiorari, and that he had forwarded the same to Jonathan Dixon, Jr., City Attorney, by the direction of the President of this Board.

The report was received and the action of the President confirmed.

By President Pritchard :

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer for the payment of salaries of Mayor, Comptroller, City Treasurer, City Attorney, and the different clerks under the control of the Board, for the month of March, 1872, when due, for the following amounts, viz. Charles H. O'Neill, \$250, salary as Mayor; Ezra A. Carman, \$333 34, salary as Comptroller; Josiah Horablower, \$250, salary as City Treasurer; Jonathan Dixon, Jr., \$250, salary as City Attorney; Wm. Stevens, \$150, salary as clerk to the Comptroller; Robert Hutton, \$33 34, salary

as Clerk to the Board of Finance and Taxation as well as clerk to the Mayor; A. D. Hamilton, \$150 salary as clerk to the City Collector; Justus Slater, \$100, salary as clerk in the Collector's office; John N. Hoyt, \$100, salary as clerk in the Collector's office; John Creech, Jr., \$100, salary as clerk in the Collector's office; A. L. Sears, \$100, salary as clerk in the Collector's office; Weston Halsey, \$100, salary as clerk in the Collector's office; A. W. Marinus, \$100, salary as clerk in the Collector's office; Marvin Fink, \$100, salary as clerk in Collector's office; Henry S. Loro, \$100, salary as clerk in Collector's office; Frank Wood, \$175, salary as clerk in Collector's office; J. H. Clough, \$100, salary as clerk in the Collector's office; Thomas K. Halstead, \$125, salary as clerk in city clerk's office; Nicholas E. Feur, \$100, salary as clerk in city clerk's office; Peter J. Hanley, \$58 33, salary as City Hall messenger and page to the Board of Finance and Taxation as well as to the Board of Police Commissioners; also Mary Liston, \$36 for cleaning City Hall.

Also to the official newspapers for the following amount: Evening Journal, \$250; American Standard, \$250; Jersey City Times, \$250; and Watch on the Hudson, \$250, being salaries due these papers for printing the minutes for the month of March, 1872, when due.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote;

Aye—All the members present.

By Commissioner Farrier, and adopted:

That this Board do now adjourn.

ROBERT HUTTON, Clerk.





Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, at their rooms, City Hall, Friday, April 5, 1872, at 7½ o'clock p. m.

Present—Mayor O'Neill, Commissioners Farrier and Gregory. Absent—Commissioners Gillett and Pritchard.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill, Commissioner Farrier took the chair.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting were dispensed with, and, on motion of Commissioner Gregory, they were approved as printed.

#### PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of D. E. Culver, relative to charges in matter of taxes, was, on motion of Mayor O'Neill, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition of J. J. Seifke, in regard to an unjust assessment for the improvement of Washington avenue from Palisade to Monticello avenues, was, on motion of Mayor O'Neill, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition of J. Francis McCoy, to have error corrected in regard to taxes on lot 114—same having been paid twice—was, on motion of Commissioner Gregory, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Petition of Hoesford and Garside, relative to the Assessor's excessive valuation of their property, was, on motion of Mayor O'Neill, referred to the Committee on Taxation and Assessments.

Communication from the Board of Police Commissioners, recommending the erection of a suitable building, and also to prepare the necessary means, &c., for the proper conduct of a small-pox hospital, was, on motion of Commissioner Gregory, referred to the Board of Public Works.

Communication from Pangborn, Dunning & Dear, relative to an error in their bill, now before the Board, and correcting the same, was received and referred to the Committee on Printing and Stationery.

Communication from the City Clerk, asking the Board to confirm his action in ordering several new warrant books for immediate use in his office, was received, and, on motion of Commissioner Gregory, the Committee on Printing and Stationery were authorized to purchase all necessary books.

Communication from City Treasurer, in regard to and enclosing claim of Messrs. Maitland, Phelps & Co., \$11 29, for telegram from London, accepting offer for bonds. On motion of Mayor O'Neill the Clerk, was authorized to respectfully return the communication and to state that such was not the understanding of the members of this Board.

Communication from the Comptroller relative to the mortgage held by the Provident Institution for Savings in Jersey City, against lots 8 to 29 inclusive, blocks 91 and 41 to 48, block 92, for \$3,052, and suggesting its payment, was, on motion of Mayor O'Neill, referred to the Committee on Finance.

#### AUDITING OF CLAIMS.

Claims of John H. Lyon, \$404 20, and Pangborn, Dunning & Dear, 447 60, having been audited by the Committee and found correct, President Farrier offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That warrants be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of John H. Lyon, for \$404 20, and Pangborn, Dunning & Dear, for 447 60, for advertising and printing.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes—All the members present.

#### REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS.

The Treasurer reported the following balances in the bank for the week ending Friday, April 5, 1872:

Balances in First National Bank, general account.....	\$188,302 27
Balance in First National Bank, sinking fund account.....	10 977 87
Balance in Hudson County National Bank, general account.....	65,730 32

Total.....\$265,010 46

On motion of Commissioner Gregory, the report was received and ordered on file.

Comptroller's report for the week ending March 29, 1872, was, on motion, received and ordered on file.

City Clerk's report of publication of notices of expiration, March 7, 1872, of time allowed for redemption of lands sold March 7, 1870, for unpaid taxes in former City of Bergen, and also for lands sold March 7, 1870, for unpaid assessments in former City of Bergen, also publication of notice of sale of March 13, 1872, for unpaid taxes, water rents and sewerage taxes—was on motion of Mayor O'Neill, received and ordered on file.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Committee on Finance:

Ex-Commissioner Carnes with the privilege of the Board was allowed to make a verbal report on the finances of the city. He reported the consummation of the sale of the last \$500,000 Jersey City seven per cent. Water Script Bonds, to Messrs. Maitland, Phelps & Co. at par less one per cent. commission, and also reported that the committee had retired all the Bank loans. On motion of Mayor O'Neill, the report of the committee was received and their action confirmed.

Committee on Taxation and Assessments:

Report of the Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to which was referred, March 22, 1872, the petition of Jacob Stoffer, to have refunded money deposited to defray preliminary expenses in the vacation of a part of old Seacausus Road, respectfully report that this is a matter which belongs to the Board of Public Works, and therefore recommended that the paper be referred to the said Board.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill, the report was received and the action of the committee confirmed.

Report of the Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to which was referred March 22, 1872, the petition of E. M. Marvin, cashier of Union Bank, to have refunded taxes of 1871 paid on stock of a non-resident, respectfully report in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioner and recommended the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the Union Bank of Jersey City for \$53 20, to refund taxes of 1871, paid on stock of Edward Isbills, a non-resident, and that the City Collector be notified of this action of the Board.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President pro tem, the resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes—All the members present.

Report of the Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to which was referred March 22, 1872, the petition of E. W. Coleman & Co., to have refunded taxes of 1871, paid on chattels of J. H. Crombie in flour mill on Bergen street, in block 65, respectfully report adverse to granting the prayer of the petitioners, the City Attorney having rendered an opinion on heretofore presented, that your honorable body have no authority under the city charter to refund taxes paid under like circumstances.

On motion of Commissioner Gregory the report was received, and the recommendation adopted.

Report of the Committee on Taxation and Assessments, to which was referred March 22, 1872, the petition of Keeney & Halladay to have refunded water rents and taxes of 1870, erroneously paid, respectfully report that your committee have examined the books in the Collector's office, and find the matter as stated in said petition.





tion to be true, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution, and further recommend that the Clerk of the Board make proper entry on bills before returning the same to Keeney & Halladay.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Keeney & Halladay for one hundred and ten dollars to refund taxes of 1870, (\$10) paid in excess of assessment (\$10.81) on lot 9, Halliday street, block 409, and water rents of 1870, twice paid on lot 22, block 9, Pine street (\$9), and lot 28 Pavonia avenue, block 250 (\$21), and that the City Collector be notified of the action of the Board.

On motion of Mayor O'Neill, the report was received and the resolution was adopted.

#### PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of George Wood \$52.50, for coal for City Hall, was referred to Special Committee.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following certified copies of resolutions passed by the Board of Public Works, April 2, 1872, and approved by his Honor the Mayor, April 5, 1872, were presented and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Resolved, That the Board of Finance and Taxation be and is hereby requested to issue bonds to the amount of \$1,395.25 for the purpose of paying awards for widening of Mountain Road.

Resolved, That the Board of Finance and Taxation be and is hereby requested to issue bonds to the amount of \$8,004.82 for the purpose of paying awards for the opening and extension of Barrow street and Zabriskie street.

The Clerk presented a certified copy of an act of the Legislature of N. J., approved March 26, 1872, to legalize Chicago bonds and Fourth of July celebration, was, on motion of Mayor O'Neill, received and ordered on file.

The Clerk reported that on March 23, 1872, he received an order from the Supreme Court of New Jersey for return of proceedings of Board concerning an exempted sale for taxes of 1869, of property of Long Dock Co. in Jersey City, and made return thereto, which was returned to L. & A. Zabriskie, Attorneys.

On motion, the report was received and filed.  
By Commissioner Farrier, and adopted:

Resolved, That the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby required to execute, under the corporate seal of the city, declaration of sale to purchase at the sales made by the corporation of Jersey City, December 14, 1871, and March 13, 1872, for unpaid taxes, water rents and sewerage taxes, and that said declaration be printed under the direction of the Committee on Printing.

By Commissioner Farrier:

Resolved, That the sale made by the former City of Bergen, April 7, 1870, for widening Communipaw avenue of lot 47, in block 42, be assessed to E. S. Hazard, be cancelled of record by the City Clerk, for the reason that said assessment was paid to the Collector August 27, 1871, and that a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Wm. J. Fish for \$97.90, purchase money paid by him, with interest thereon at the rate of fifteen per cent per annum, and be delivered to him on his surrender to the City Clerk for cancellation the declaration of sale of said lot.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

Ex-Commissioner Carnes stated he had received a copy of a resolution, sent to him by the clerk, having been referred to his committee in mistake, as the business it related to had been previously settled, and should have been filed. So ordered. And as he also stated he had audited the claim of the Evening Post, \$5.10, for advertising, and found it correct, the following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the Evening Post, \$5.10 for advertising.

The ayes and nays having been called for by the President, the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—All the members present.

Mayor O'Neill moved that Mr. Gregory act as a member of the different committees that Ex-Commissioner Carnes was a member of. The motion was adopted.

By Mayor O'Neill and a lotted:

T a this Board do now adjourn.

ROBERT HUITON, Clerk.

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